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TLDSB trustee Gary Brohman congratulates Jessica Bishop on her graduation. See story and photos on page 36.

Haliburton streetscape goes into overtime

By Will Jones
 Contributing writer

Design flaws in the storm water drainage along the north side of Highland Street in Haliburton will mean that parts of the sidewalk will have to be ripped up again to enable the problems to be rectified.

Brian Nicholson, director of public works, told council at its June 24 meeting that there are some issues with the

drainage but that he is holding off with remedial works until after the influx of summer tourists has subsided.

"There are one or two issues with the drainage but I don't want to rip up the sidewalk now because we'll have people tripping on stuff, kids putting hand prints in the new concrete... We're going to wait until September when the bulk of the tourists have left," he said.

Nicholson told The Highlander that the

problems seem to stem from flaws in the design of the drainage for the project and that he'd be wrestling with the issue of cost implications in the near future.

Temporary preventative measures have been put in place to ensure that businesses near the affected part of the street will not be flooded if the village is hit by heavy rain. "You'll see there's an asphalt berm in place along one section," said Nicholson. "It will help but it just looks ugly; it's a

pity that we had to do this when we had hoped to have the streetscape complete for the summer season."

Aside from these drainage issues, residents and tourists alike will notice the new pay and display meters and bright painted road markings in the downtown. Street signage and furniture will be installed soon, too, explained Nicholson, virtually completing the streetscape project.

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Sears donates \$2k to Minden Flood Relief Fund

John Pilatzke, catalogue field manager for Sears Canada, was at the Minden Sears on June 20 to donate \$2,000 to the Minden Flood Relief Fund. From left are Pilatzke; Rawn Moore, Minden Sears owner; Max Ward; Jeanne Anthon; Andrew Hodgson; Sheila Houser; Bill Obee; Barb Reid, Minden Hills reeve; Lisa Schell, Ward 1 councillor; Larry Clarke, councillor-at-large; and Ken Redpath, Ward 2 councillor.

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Dysart sounds alarm on faulty smoke detectors

By Will Jones
Contributing writer

"People are breaking the law by not having working smoke alarms in their homes."

This warning, from Don Stephenson, deputy fire chief of the Dysart et al fire department, comes in preparation for the department's annual smoke alarm

campaign.

Speaking at the regular meeting of Dysart council, Stephenson outlined his department's plans for a series of inspections of local homes in July and warned that the penalty for not having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms is \$235.

"We'll be out checking homes but this exercise isn't about penalizing people, it's

all about educating them and helping them understand the importance of smoke and CO alarms," said Stephenson. "People need to realize that 50 per cent of fire-related fatalities in Ontario in recent years have been in homes without working smoke alarms."

He went on to explain the law requires smoke alarms outside of every sleeping area on every story of a building and that

smoke alarms have a 10 year expiry date, while CO alarms are obsolete after just seven.

"These aren't options, they are the law," he said. "We want to help make sure people know the laws and most importantly, that they are living in homes that are safe and protected in the event of a fire."

Dysart in brief

Dysart spends on roads

Three tenders were approved by Dysart Council at its June 24 meeting. Duncor Enterprises has been employed to carry out slurry seal repairs at a cost of \$189,738. Fowler Construction will be paid \$237,644 to resurface Wiganog Road and pulverize Boughner and Goss Roads, and Jim Weir Custom Crushing has won the contract to supply 10,000 cubic yards of winter sand for \$21,922. All amounts include HST.

Council talking trash

Dysart Council has released a video which aims to get the message out about the importance of recycling at the local landfill. Go to <http://bit.ly/vimeo.com/67947112> to see a quirky short film of landfill manager Mark Brohen taking you on a tour of the dump and talking about the impact of good recycling.

Summer ice almost here

Ice installation will begin at the A.J. LaRue Arena on July 2, with the first rental on available July 14. Rentals will

cost \$87 per hour for figure skating and minor hockey and \$150 for all others. To rent the arena call 705-457-2083 or e-mail dysartarena@dysart.ca. Director of parks and recreation, Ray Misic, says there have already been a lot of bookings. Free skating is scheduled for 12 - 1:30 p.m. on Sundays, starting Aug. 4.

West Guilford post office hours to be cut

Dysart council has received a letter from Canada Post outlining that it is considering cutting the hours of operation at the West Guilford post office by not opening it on Saturdays. Councillor Andrea Roberts stated she thought it is an important service to retain. "It is often the only time that working people get to use the post office," she said, recommending that council write to Canada Post urging it to rethink its plans.

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Editorial opinion

Making the right choice

I remember my graduation fondly.

It was a hot day in Kingston. There I was, dressed in my heavy graduation robes, cooking under a tent that acted more like a greenhouse than a shelter. On stage, my principal and teachers happily called student after student to the podium to receive our diplomas.

When I crossed the stage, I felt a sense of accomplishment. My family was there, my sister excitedly snapping photos as I shook the principal's hand and he wished me a successful summer. The difference between me and most of my fellow graduates, however, was that, unlike them, I wasn't going on to post-secondary studies just yet.

Most of my classmates were going to schools like Queens University, the University of Ottawa, York... but not me. I was going to work at a call centre.

It's not because my grades weren't good enough or that I lacked the motivation to continue my studies. I just didn't know for sure what I wanted to do with my life.

Picking a school or program to study isn't a small decision. There are countless factors at play. The first big one is: what's going to make me happy? While I felt I was a strong writer, and I enjoyed writing, I also knew that, career-wise, it wasn't likely to make me a rich man. Was money important to me? That's something I had to decide.

It also costs a lot to go to school. Am I going to move out of town? Where will I live? Who will I know? Are my future plans worth the tens of thousands of dollars I'm going to spend on tuition and living expenses?

I spent a year after graduation mulling

over these questions.

During that time, I was under pressure from friends to get on with my life, but I was only 18 years old. I figured I had plenty of time, so why not wait a bit and make sure I got it right the first time?

I'm glad that I did.

Not only did I pick a career that I love, I spent a year growing up, becoming more mature and responsible, before taking on the roller coaster that is college or university life.

During my time in school, I spent three years in residence. I can't tell you how many kids — and I use the word kids on purpose — came to school unprepared and either lost themselves to peer pressure or chose writing and wanted a year's tuition on a program in which they quickly lost interest.

Some graduates know exactly what they want to do with their lives, and go for it right out of high school. Others, like myself, take a little time and think it through. I knew myself well enough to know that I have many whens, and I wanted to make sure journalism was not one of those. And still others decide they would rather join the work force from high school and not look back. I say good for those.

My message to the graduating class of 2013 is to be honest with yourselves and take all the time you need to make the choice that is right for you — whether that means moving on to post-secondary studies or not.

Your life is your own, go out and live it.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Cleaning the slate

It half hath no fury like a woman scorned, the rage reserved for disappointed widows must be truly furious. Exhibit A: Minden Hills.

It's no coincidence that the two members of the community who have given Minden Reeve Barb Reid the greatest grief are both widows of well-liked, accomplished and respected men with reputations polished through posthumous reminiscence in near-unanimity. Rigney, whose husband Ross was reeve of Minden, last week submitted a petition to council decrying what her supporters say is an overbearing reeve who is disrespectful of municipal employees and the community at large. Last year it was Lawrence, wife of the late writer and senator RD, publicly sparring with council over the corpse built in his memory.

Widows have a special place in society. Historically, they've had more power than women who never married; they could inherit property and work in ancient times, when most women could do neither. In many cultures, they acquire the status of their late husbands through a kind of marital omens in which the greatness achieved by a man during his lifetime is transferred to his survivor. Prior to women's equality, widowhood was often the only route to amassing wealth and status for half the population.

Thus we had Benazir Bhutto, a woman brilliant and charming in her own right, but someone who would never have become prime minister of Pakistan were it not that her husband had held the job previously. Corason Aquino of the Philippines and Isabel Peron of Argentina followed similar paths. These women were far more than placeholders; they relayed their fortunes into electoral power.

Perhaps it's the sympathy we have for widows, combined with the respect we may have held for their deceased husbands, that gives them their moral force. In many instances, there's another factor involved, one that the reeve would do well to note: widows represent the past.

When it comes to Minden, it makes no difference if that past may have been in need of improvement. It will be idealized and held as sacred — ensuring that memory requires a gentle touch. Minden, after all, existed for a century and a half before the current council came along.

Was the municipality stale and in need of refreshment? A little housecleaning and

redirection? Probably. But as the old song goes, it's not what you do, it's the way that you do it.

Indeed, for all the complaints of heavy-handedness and accusations of malfeasance against Barb Reid, few take issue with the town's progress. As the reeve herself pointed out in a letter last week, the town is growing; new businesses have opened; the community has come together after the flood and in all likelihood will come out stronger than ever. Rigney does not dispute that.

No, it's not about substance. It's about style. Rigney, and Lawrence before her, feel disrespected. From Reid's comments last week about "toxic and destructive" people, those feelings look to be justified. And to disrespect Rigney is to disrespect her supporters, and by extension her husband's supporters. They number far higher than the 207 people who signed her petition; to disrespect Rigney is to write off most of the community and most of its past.

That may be more symbolic than rational, but politics is nothing if not symbolic. Surely Reid understands that.

Maybe the fringes of certain municipal staff were wise. Maybe recognizing committees to be led by councillors instead of community members was a good idea. Regardless, being right isn't always the most relevant factor. The reeve has built a nest of problems for herself by systematically excluding many who could have provided insight and counsel to the change she is leading, many who could have been her allies in forging a future. It's a tragic outcome from an election that promised fresh energy and renewal.

The ferocious rage will show itself in about 18 months. If the reeve can't tread fences by then, she can expect blowback of hurricane force that will attempt to reinstall those her team defeated, her re-election and legacy put at risk. That would be a step backwards for a town that is very much on the upswing.

As I sometimes have to be reminded myself, a little courtesy and respect make a world of difference. However intelligent or skilled we may be as individuals, we all stand on the shoulders of those who came before.



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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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Letters to the editor

Mind your flags

Dear editor,

With Canada Day just around the corner, it seems like a good time for people flying Canada flags to examine them. If your flag is tattered or faded, please honour our great

country by replacing it. Then dispose of your flag in a respectful manner. Happy Canada Day.

Judy Fieger
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Photo of the week



Photo by Jerry Gosselin

This hare stops for a photo and a close-up of the tick on its face.

— They smell the blood of an English man! — The Outsider

Imagine me in the shower... Errr, hold on, let me take that back. I didn't mean you to picture me naked and leathered up. Oh damn it! Forget what I said, quickly, altogether, before it ruins your day!

Hum, let's try again. How do I start this? I know. It was like a scene, the scene, from Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho*, only instead of Janet Leigh it was me in the shower. There I was minding my own business, showering, when it struck. Coming out of nowhere, catching me unawares with deadly accuracy and a thirst for blood that would have made Norman Bates proud. But instead of the accompanying sound of screeching violins (as per the film) there was a high pitched "bzzzzzzz".

Mosquitoes. I hate 'em.

They are the foulest of pests. They're underhanded, sneaky, the lowest of the low, waiting until you're at your most vulnerable, off your guard, even asleep for Pete's sake.

Black flies I can deal with. They emerge on time and spend about a week in early spring working up to the day when it's dinnertime,

They buzz around in mock anger getting you acclimatized to their presence and ready for the day when they decide to bite. And then, for just a few short weeks you have to beware because they are there in clouds, whenever you venture into the garden or back. After that, they're gone. Finished. Done for the summer and that's fine by me. I can take my punishment when it's handed out in such straight up beats.

Similarly, the deer and even the horse flies are stand up guys, or flies. Buzzing in at high speed: bouncing off the back of your head not once but three or four times before they find a trajectory that enables them to land. You have a chance to escape or you can stand and duke it out with them, often getting the killer smack in before they've had a chance to sink their fangs into you.

But mosquitoes, I hate 'em. Conversely, they seem to adore my fly-white writer's looks and my tasty English blood. Now, I guess I can see why. Some of the guys I've met here in Haliburton (particularly at the hunt camp) have skin that looks like leather

and a personal aroma that would knock a bug for six if it even came close. But that's just the way of the world; I'm more preferable as a snack than your average weathered old hunter. I'm not complaining about that. Gosh, if I was a bug I'd bite me before I'd chew on the barber and his buddies, if only so that I didn't get run poisoning!

But back to my point. It's the fact that mosquitos are so devious in their dining habits. They hide in the shower, on the dark stone tiles so that I can't see them. They don't buzz at me when I walk into the bathroom, no, they wait until I'm naked, my back turned, bent over reaching for the soap! Sorry, now it's sounding like some horrific prison flick.

They hang around in dark corners, like the least savory of low-lives, hiding their time. Until I'm reading *Little Z* a bedtime story, for instance: my lap filled with drowsy child, my movements necessarily slow so as not to disturb him, my ankles bare and prime targets for that stealthy blood sucker who's been hiding under the bed. Yes, under the bed! How long had it been waiting under there for

us? How did it know? Are they that smart, or am I that paranoid?

Mosquitoes. I hate 'em. And you know what?

I never did get that one from the shower. She bit me twice. I know it was a she because the males don't bite but I didn't want to labour the point and be tared as sexist. Think on it though, fellas! Yes, she bit me twice. I swung and swatted but missed, nearly slipping on the soap and upending in the process. She hung around for long enough to see me point the shower nozzle at her and to dance daintily between the jets (that's her not me) before buzzing off to hide, probably under the rim of the toilet seat to catch some other unsuspecting, wholly ~~unpleasant~~ victim.

I hate mosquitoes. Did I tell you that? And you'll never persuade me otherwise.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: What are your plans for Canada Day?



Brenda Schyer

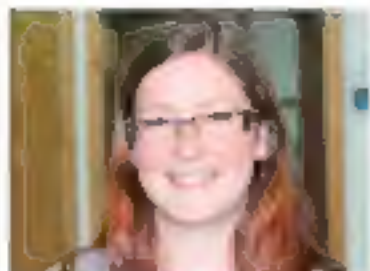
Crystal Lake

All the family is coming to the cottage. We will be working, fishing and having a campfire to celebrate Canada Day and a couple of birthdays.

Duncan Robertson

Minden

I run Camp Orendaga summer camp and every weekend is something great. We have a Canada Day program and a big fireworks show on the Monday.



Paul Morin

Minden

Just enjoy it! Enjoy the weekend and all the people. We will be on the main drag on Canada Day to celebrate.



Susan Cox

Minden

We are going to be here in Minden for the Canada Day celebrations. We are having a BBQ and looking forward to the festivities and the crazy raft race.



Lauren Hunter

Ingoldby

My family will be coming up from Pembroke and Pergus and we will be having a BBQ on the deck. Then we will hang out with family. Likely take in the Muskoka fireworks.



Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Dorset emergency response times under fire from residents

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Review of a February incident in Dorset where firefighters did not respond to an emergency call as expected has shown that proper response protocols were followed, according to Algonquin Highlands fire services chief John Hogg.

However, an education campaign is needed to familiarize permanent and seasonal residents with those protocols, Hogg reported to township councillors at their June 20 meeting.

Dorset is split between Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays in Muskoka, so emergency medical services (EMS) are necessarily linked for Dorset.

Residents there have expressed concern that the fire station "is either not responding to calls as they have in the past or EMS, for some reason, is not dispatching the fire department to calls that in the past they were tied to," Hogg reported.

"It is true that historically there have been more calls by EMS for items that never were supposed to [be responded to by fire personnel]," said Hogg, adding protocols haven't changed but District of Muskoka EMS appears to be following them more closely.

Concerns increased in February when someone became ill at the Dorset Community Centre, the fire department (situated across the road) was not notified, and the ambulance arrived on scene approximately 30 minutes later. An off-duty firefighter happened to drop in at the centre and alerted the fire department,

which then supplied personnel to provide some assistance.

The incident was reviewed by Hogg and representatives from Muskoka EMS, Muskoka Ambulance Communication Service, and Huntsville/Lake of Bays fire department in April.

Huntsville/Lake of Bays fire chief Stephen Herten issued a report of the review in early June. It stated a review of the 9-1-1 tapes showed the symptoms reported to the dispatcher by the caller did not require the fire department to be tied to the call, and so protocols were indeed followed.

Dispatchers are trained to ask standard questions established by the Ministry of Health. Responses are assessed and entered into a computer-aided dispatch program and the call is assigned a priority level, of which Code 4 is the most urgent.

Under Muskoka fire first aid protocols, fire personnel are tiered to respond to assist at ambulance calls for certain critical conditions, including cardiac arrest and difficulty breathing. Depending upon the condition, fire response protocol varies from instant dispatch to attendance only if an ambulance cannot be on the scene within 15 minutes.

Not all Code 4 situations are life-

threatening, Hogg told council, and the review determined that was the case in the February incident.

"The report from the person phoning in was indeed that the [ill] person had had an episode and was fine but should be looked at. And what's not in the report, [is that] the person there [making the call] could be deemed a higher medical authority than the firefighters."

Hogg is working with the county and District of Muskoka to consider applying the 15-minute ambulance response criteria to all Code 4 calls and expects to have a report by council's July meeting. He is also developing an education campaign.

"To me the bottom line is just to make sure people understand that [because] the Dorset fire hall doors aren't being thrown open, and this phalanx of heavy young men coming to [provide] some help, doesn't mean there's something wrong with the system, it's just they're expecting the wrong thing from the system," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. "People often seem to forget too that these are unmanned fire halls, and so there aren't six guys sitting around watching TV across the road that can't be bothered to respond. They're actually not there."

It is true that historically there have been more calls by EMS for items that never were supposed to [be responded to by fire personnel].

John Hogg

Algonquin Highlands fire services chief

Oxtongue centre to get new access ramp

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Oxtongue Lake Community Centre will receive a much-needed rear access ramp this year following a decision by Algonquin Highlands council to fund the project from a special reserve fund.

Last fall, the township applied for project funding from the federal Enabling Accessibility Fund. The township maintains an accessibility reserve of \$40,000 and earmarked \$15,000 for the ramp should the grant not come through.

Parks, trails and recreation manager Mark Coleman reported to council at its June 20 meeting that the grant had been denied, and requested direction as to whether to proceed with the ramp using the reserve funds.

"Regardless of the accessibility issue, I do have concerns with the existing condition of the rear exit ramp area for that facility, that basically we only have one functional, useable entrance," said Coleman.

"In my best recommendation, we should be improving that [rear] exit/entrance and in doing so we would be addressing accessibility, emergency exit/entrance, and tying in the lower level with the upper level..."

"It definitely needs doing," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. "Unfortunately you are correct [about] the rear exit - if there was an issue and people needed to leave with haste it would be like lemmings off a cliff. There's nowhere to get people safely out of the [upper level of] the building, and our attempt was to put the monies aside in reserves in case the funding didn't come through, so it's there for that purpose... Make it safe."

The proposed new ramp would run from the rear exit door down to the lower level.

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Highlander news

Cancer survivor told to take down sun shade

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

A sun shelter built onto a replacement deck on Halls Lake must be dismantled and the owner may need to make changes to the deck as well to meet provincial building codes.

Owner Derek Cameron attended the June 20 Algonquin Highlands council meeting to discuss the fact that the deck was built without a permit and requested he be allowed to keep the sun shelter, offering to alter it if it is not up to code.

Council denied the request.

As with many other residences and cottages in the township, the Cameron home is across the road from the lake and so the deck in question was originally built on the lake on the shoreline road allowance, which is owned by the township.

Chief building official Mitch O'Grady reported he came across the replacement deck and sun shelter construction during regular inspections, and asked Cameron to cease work and come before council for a decision.

"My concern as a chief building official is that the structure is not in compliance with the Ontario Building Code in the manner in which it was built," said O'Grady. "Not only that, but it is a liability towards the township... if

anything should happen."

Cameron and his family purchased the residence in 2007. At the time it had one deck structure and one dock structure on the shoreline, Cameron reported.

Over the next four years the deck was besieged by carpenter ants. The family decided to replace the deck and add a sun shelter since Cameron has had skin cancer and must avoid the sun as much as possible.

"I apparently was misinformed about building structures like this along the township shoreline and that's why I'm here," said Cameron.

He explained that since guard rails were already being constructed on the deck for safety reasons, he felt continuing on to build a sun shelter rather than bolting a pre-fabricated one to the deck made sense. He said the family has pulled an "outranding" number of items from the water in spring and fall, including prefab sun shelters, another reason to create a sturdier structure.

Cameron described the wooden sun shelter structure as being roughly 8 feet by 10 ft. in size with a low roof.

"We didn't make the thing overly high to be obstructive or an eyesore from the lake point of view," said Cameron. "The height... is only six-foot-four (inches). It's just enough for the tallest person we know to walk [into the shelter] in a

vertical position."

"It doesn't really obstruct any view from the road or from the properties in behind overlooking the lake. It stands about three feet above the grade for the municipal road there and we've made it so it doesn't interfere with the wild raspberry bushes and stuff along the shoreline."

Councillors discussed the situation and agreed that Cameron must remove the sun shelter, acquire a permit and ensure the deck is up to code.

"We have a history of decks and docks and in some cases bunkies and bike storage sheds being built [on township land]" and council has made similar decisions in the past, said Mother.

She added the difficulty lies in "adjacent to waterfront" properties being sold as full waterfront properties so that owners believe they can build what they want.

Mother said the township is developing a new policy around these types of structures on municipal property. The policy draft will include a proposal that a licence of occupation be required for SRA use just as it is required for other township land uses.

The draft is expected to come before council this summer.



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Disaster Relief Committee (DRC)

Applications are now available for residents directly affected by the flood for Emergency Funds and ODRAP. Please see page 16 for more information.

Please contact John Rogers, Project Manager at 705-286-1260 ext. 220 or jrogers@mindenhills.ca for questions about the application process.

Upcoming Community Fundraising

June 28 & 29

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June 29

Green Yoga – Holiness Yoga Studio, Donald, On. Visit galholiness@gmail.com or call 705-455-0294 for more details.

Visit www.mindenhills.ca for a list of events and for more information.

Request for Tenders

1. We are requesting tenders from qualified contractors to supply and install windows in the Lochlin Hall building located at 4713 Geler Road, Minden, Ontario.

A mandatory site visit has been scheduled for Friday June 28, 2013 at 10:00 am at the Lochlin Hall.

Tenders to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked

"Tender No. EPO 13-003 Lochlin Hall Windows"

No later than Thursday July 11, 2013 12:00 noon local time to:

Clerk's Office, 2nd floor
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359
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Attention: Ivan Ingram, Environmental & Property Operations Manager

2. We are requesting tenders from qualified contractors for the construction and installation of a privacy fence at the

Minden Hills Museum and Pioneer Village

A mandatory site visit has been scheduled for Wednesday July 3, 2013 at 11:00 am at the Minden Hills Museum, 174-176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, ON

Tenders are to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked

"Tender No. CSD 13-002 Minden Hills Museum & Pioneer Village Fence"

No later than Wednesday July 10, 2013 12:00:00 noon local time to:

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Township of Minden Hills
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Attention: Janette Loveys, Director of Community Services

Both tender documents and full details regarding site visits can be obtained at www.mindenhills.ca or by visiting the Clerk's Office, 2nd floor.



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June 27

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council,
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July 1

Administration Office Closed for Canada Day Holiday

July 2

8:30 am, Disaster Relief Committee meeting,
Minden Cultural Centre, Common Room

July 25

5:00 am, CoTW/Regular meeting of Council,
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Stop by the grassy lot beside Organic Times to join in on the fun. The first session is from 10:00-11:00am and the second session is from 1:00-2:00pm.

Dance like no one is watching? In this case we want you to watch and be entertained as the Haliburton Dance Academy showcases their talent for all of you who come out to Canada Day in Minden. The dancers will be taking over the main stage (in front of Minden Auto Care) at 12:15pm just in time for you to grab a seat and munch on some cake while you enjoy the show! It is sure to be a great performance!

Check out pages 14 & 15 for more Canada Day Activities

Council and Staff wish everyone a safe and happy Canada Day Long Weekend

The Township Administration Office will be
CLOSED on
Monday July 1, 2013 for the
Canada Day Holiday
and will reopen at
8:30 am on Tuesday July 2, 2013.

Consumer Survey

Do you have ideas about what products/services you would like to be able to purchase in Minden? We are interested in hearing from you!

Please provide your input by completing this on-line survey found on our website <http://www.mindenhills.ca/>. Or go straight to the survey at: <http://lidsurveys.com/surveys/u-links/consumer-project/>

We need your thoughts so we can help the Minden business community grow.

If you wish to learn more about the project please contact the U-Links office at 705-286-2411.

This project is a partnership between the Township of Minden Hills, U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research, Haliburton County Development Corporation, and Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

See pages 9, 14, 15 & 16 for additional ads

Highlander news

Community garden denied municipal water

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

A request from the Dorset Community Garden to have the Township of Algonquin Highlands add the garden to the municipal watering schedule has been denied.

Councillors made the decision at their June 20 meeting.

According to the letter of request, 14 families currently use the privately run vegetable garden boxes next to Portico Timber Frames on Highway 35. The families store water for the garden in rain barrels,

relying on rain or water from their homes to keep the barrels full.

The township maintains flower planters on the main street in Dorset, so the group asked to be placed on the watering schedule.

Mike Thomas, public works manager, told councillors the township water truck carries a 45-gallon drum and uses a 12-volt pump to supply water to the main street planters. Filling the drum takes approximately 15-20 minutes.

"This little pump is not designed for continuous runs, so you couldn't take that 45-gallon drum, go over to the (community

garden) and transfer everything and turn the pump out," said Thomas. "And the pumps are \$150."

"And then getting involved in, now the barrels are empty and you get a phone call, 'the barrels are empty, can you please come and fill them'... It's going to take employee time, and so there's a cost there."

"I'm a huge supporter of community gardens," said Reeve Carol Moffat. "I think there's a lot of merit (there) but... what happens if the weather turns really hot and then now the township is watering people's gardens on demand?"

"I can't support it if it creates the kind of difficulties it obviously does," said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Ward 1 councillor Gord Henderson agreed. "It could set a precedent."

Moffat differentiated between the township-managed flower planters on the main street and the privately run community garden.

"We have said 'no' to work on other private properties because the township doesn't get involved in doing work on private property unless there is some sort of existing relationship or contractor agreement," she concluded.

OPP in brief

Road worker hit by vehicle

Haliburton Highlands OPP officers are still investigating a motor vehicle collision that occurred in the morning of June 24 on County Road 21.

Kinsley Gannon, a 55-year-old construction worker with the Haliburton County works department, was working as a flagman when he was hit by a passing motorist, according to an OPP report. The collision happened at approximately 11:33 a.m. at Hilltop Road in Dysart et al.

According to the release, Gannon was transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Constable Paul Potter confirmed with The Highlander that this was not a hit-and-run situation. As of press time, no charges have been laid.

The police are asking anyone with information regarding this collision to contact the Haliburton Highlands Detachment at 705-286-1431.

Police investigate fatality

A pedestrian is dead after they were hit by a vehicle on Highway 35.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating the fatal collision that occurred on June 25 at approximately 10:22 a.m. at Highway 35 and Margaret Lake Road in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, according to a press release. As of press time the investigation is ongoing and police are not naming the victim until notification has been given to family members.

Constable Paul Potter was able to confirm that this was not a hit-and-run, and that police are treating it as they would any other fatality. They are looking for any witnesses who may have seen the accident and can tell them where the pedestrian was on the roadway.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the OPP at 705-286-1431.

The Highlander will continue to update this story online as more details become available.

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The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

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Photo submitted by Jack Brazier

Flood relief fund receives \$2k donation

The owners of the Mill Pond Restaurant in Carnarvon have donated their coffee sales from May to the Minden Hills Flood Relief Fund, totaling \$2,180. The owners of the restaurant made the presentation to the chair of the committee, Jeanne Anthon last week. Family members on hand included, from the left, Lindsay Beardsworth and daughter Emery, Jordyn Brown, Jeanne Anthon, Anne Archer, DRC member Shelley Houser and Brad Archer.

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Highlander news

Sherborne Rd. repairs to begin soon

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Repairs to Sherborne Road in areas where it was washed out by April flooding and heavy rains will begin as soon as approval is received from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

The necessary work permit has been

filed and an approval is expected within the next week or so, according to Mike Thomas, the township's public works manager.

Sherborne is an MNR road on Crown land so a work permit is required for the township to make any repairs. The road is used by campers and township staff to access trails program camps, and by a small number of cottagers living on a side

lane near the start of Sherborne, according to Thomas.

Sherborne experienced several washouts along the section of road beyond the side lane, so cottagers would not have been affected, but any campers would have to hike in and out of their sites.

At a special meeting on June 7, township council authorized staff to proceed with repairs, requested continued

communication with the MNR, and authorized a fund transfer from the working capital reserve in the event the MNR "is unable or unwilling to fund the repairs."

Discussions regarding who will finance the work will proceed after approval has been received, said Thomas.

Work progress will depend upon the department's workload and the weather.



Photo provided by Mike Thomas

Insurance company donates to Minden relief

Aliso Harner (left), president and CEO of HTM Insurance Company, presents Drew Carey, owner of Vasey Insurance Brokers Ltd., with a cheque for \$3,333.33 for the Minden Flood Relief Fund on June 21. With the province matching the donation two to one, the total is designed to turn into \$10,000.

New speed limit for Bear Lake Rd

Bear Lake Road finally has a speed limit.

The limit on the 6.6 kilometre, 46-curve road will be posted as 40 kilometres per hour following bylaw passage at the June 20 Argenteum Highlands council meeting.

"The bottom line for us really is liability," said Reeve Carol McElroy.

"I could have posted it at 50 or 60 (km/hour) but then we would have had to

post every corner with (curve warning) signage," said Mike Thomas, public works manager. "That's a lot of signage."

Thomas reported only four "winding road" signs will be required, along with respective hazard length signs.

Bear Lake Road runs off County Road 21 (Livingstone Road) northeast of Dorset.

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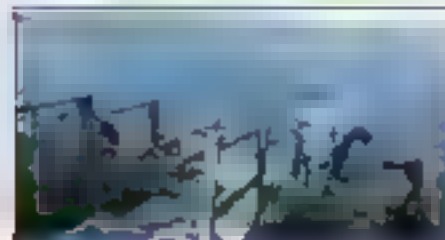
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Highlander news

Township has designs on Elvin Johnson Park

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Elvin Johnson Park is one step closer to shoreline restoration following completion of a community consultation study.

As a bonus, the Halls Lake Park may also get a new landscape/site plan that addresses future locations for the playground, docks and the replacement playground equipment already under consideration for 2014.

Project consultation committee members Terry Moore and Heather Reid presented the restoration and naturalization study to Algonquin Highlands council at its June 20 meeting.

Moore is a director with the Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association and Reid is director of U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research, which facilitated having the study done by two Trent University students.

With the guidance of U-Links and Trent professors, the students analyzed input

from a public consultation, a survey and key informant interviews and made three recommendations: proceed with the shoreline naturalization project and include educational signage, incorporate the project into an entire park redesign, and hold a second public consultation on design options this summer.

Moore and Reid reported the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations and Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council have both set shoreline naturalization as an organizational priority and are interested in the Elvin Johnson project as an educational model.

Going forward, we definitely need a landscape/site plan design concept to actually show everybody and show council this is what's possible

Mark Coleman

ensuring parents will still have clear sightlines to their children in the water, how to reduce the prevalence of Canada geese and their droppings, and the ravaging effects of recent high waters on the shoreline. Moore said the project will address these considerations.

Discussions then turned to next steps as

recommended by the township's parks, recreation and trails manager, who also sat on the consultation committee.

"I certainly do concur with the need for future work at the park to address various things, not just focus on any one specific issue," said manager Mark Coleman.

"Going forward, we definitely need a landscape/site plan design concept to actually show everybody and show council, 'this is what's possible'."

Coleman has worked on such projects in the past and said that with local professionals who have expressed support and students from Trent and/or Fleming College a design can be developed to address the issues.

The township has already applied for \$5,000 from the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund for naturalization projects, and a council-approved concept and design for the park could play a key part in securing funding from groups such

as the Trillium Foundation, said Coleman.

"I know the Trillium Foundation has funded several playground and parks projects in recent time within the Haliburton and Kawartha area, so I think there would be a very good shot at getting substantial funding through them. It could be a larger community project and a tremendous opportunity for Haliburton County and all the agencies and organizations interested in this type of work."

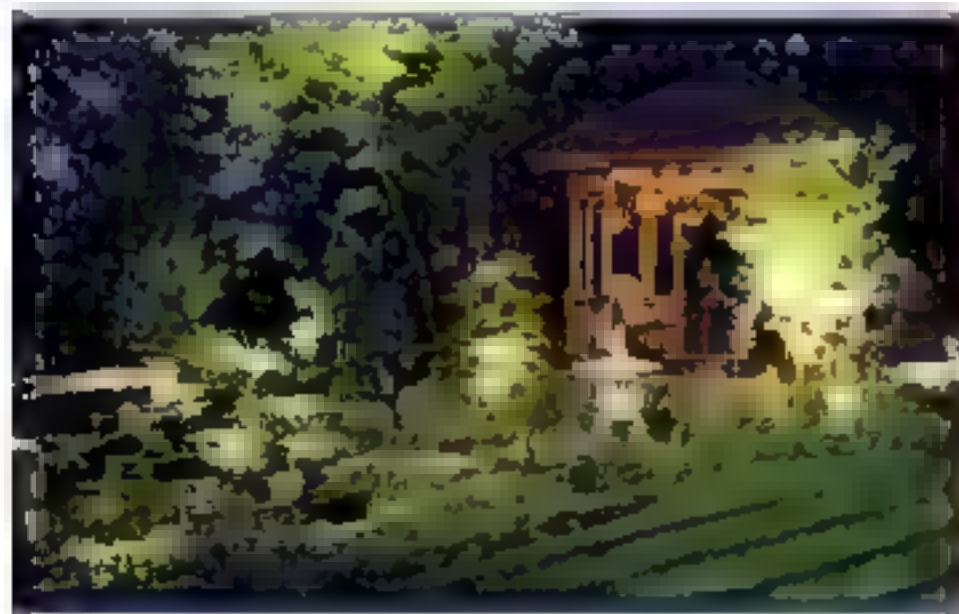
The design would be presented at a public consultation, likely this year. Since both the naturalization and playground equipment projects are large and fall is the best time to tackle naturalization, Coleman predicted the projects would be done jointly in the fall of 2014.

Council authorized staff and the committee to develop a landscape/site plan as the next step in the process toward project approval.

Funding granted for accessible washrooms

Washrooms at the Otonabee Lake Community Centre in Algonquin Highlands will be upgraded for greater accessibility following receipt of a federal grant. The township's request for \$3,500 from the New Horizons for Seniors Fund for the upgrade has been

approved. To be eligible for the funding projects must address one or more of the program's five objectives: volunteering, mentoring, expanding awareness of elder abuse, social participation and capital assistance.



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Highlander news

Telecommunication fees added to AH planning charges

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Finding it was losing money on various planning fees, Algonquin Highlands township billed fees earlier this year to recuperate at least some processing expenses.

A new fee has now been added following the adoption last month of a new policy regarding telecommunication facility installations. At its June 20 meeting, council approved a \$500 administration fee for review of new applications in this area.

In addition, council revised the existing planning bylaw fee for a second time. Having already risen from \$300 to \$450, that \$450 fee now becomes a deposit consistent with the earlier fee changes for other planning applications.

The bylaw changing most planning fees was approved in March based on recommendations from clerk Dawn Newhook, which in turn were based in part on research of fee structures in neighbouring municipalities.

Newhook cited the township's zoning bylaw fee as an example of lost funds. It had been a flat \$1,000, which Newhook said was intended to cover consulting and advertising fees and ideally administrative fees.

"What I'm discovering is the \$1,000 is not covering the actual cost of the application," said Newhook. She proposed an additional, non-refundable \$500 administration fee.

Applicants now pay a \$1,500 deposit which includes that non-refundable fee. Any costs above the deposit must be paid by the applicant, but if final costs are below the deposit, the applicant will be reimbursed the difference with the exception of the non-refundable fee.

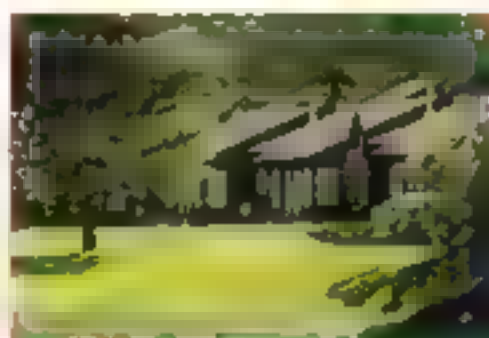
The new process also applies to the official planning amendment, and the combined zoning bylaw and official planning amendment.

A subdivision/condominium agreement application requires a \$2,500 deposit of which \$500 is a non-refundable administration fee.

Increases include the site plan bylaw agreement and the minor variance fee.

Council also agreed with Newhook's proposal to establish licence of occupation fees to cover licence agreements for encroachments on township-owned property.

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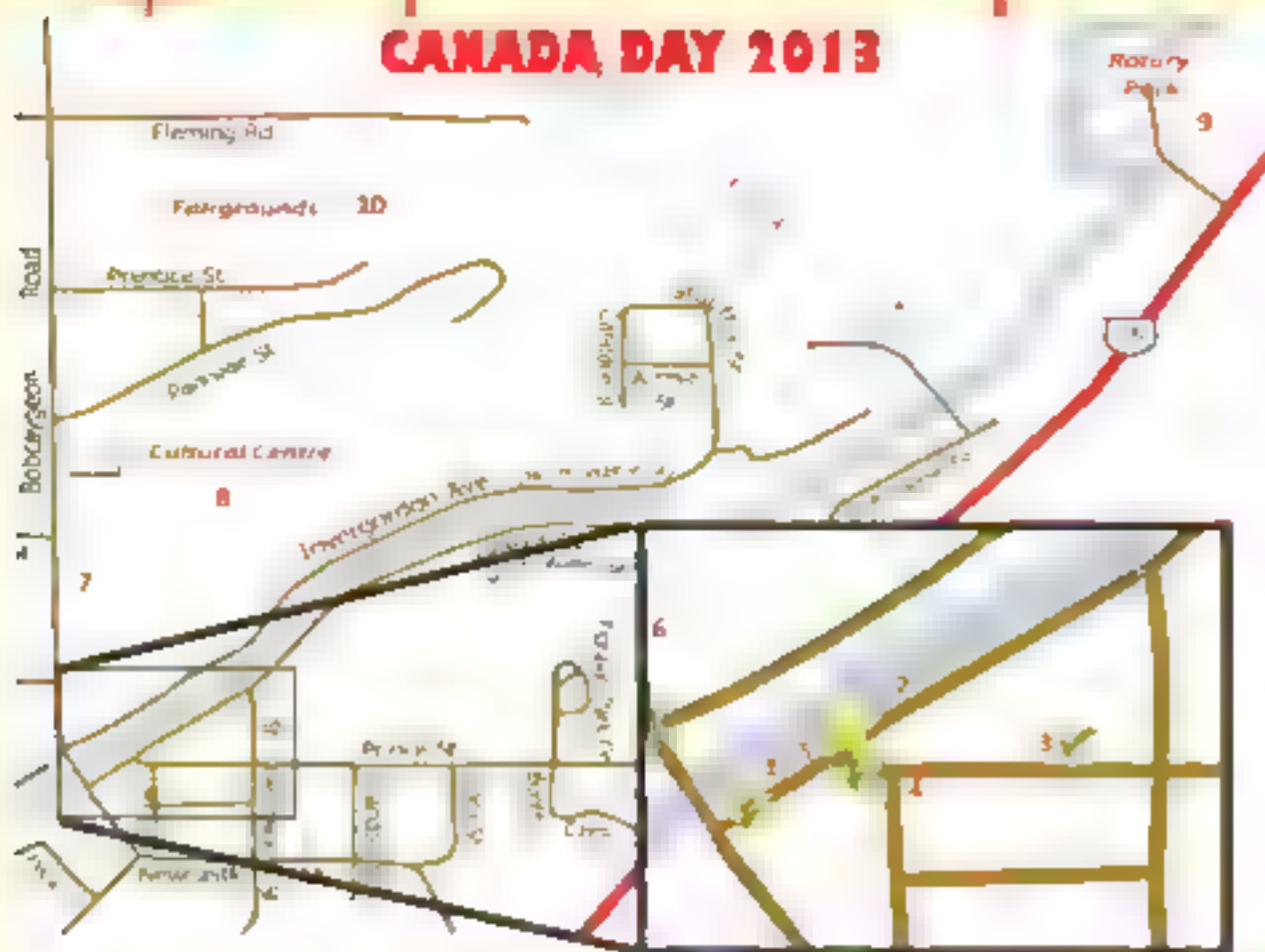
Highland Time Travelers CLASSIC CARS - along the Gull River - Water Street
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 Toonie Mile Flood Relief Donation-Bill and Autumn Robinson-Main Table
 Pan Am Games Interactive Display
 Minden Agricultural Society: Raffle Tickets
 St. Paul's Anglican Church: Sister Act performances, tattoos, biblical stories
 Haliburton County Red Wolves Special Olympics
 Haliburton Rotary Club: Raffle Draw for a Camaro Convertible!
 Local artists with their work on display-Lions Club Hall-Bobcaygeon Street
 Cooling Station at the Cultural Centre (movies playing all day and free ice cream sponsored by Kewartha Dairy from
 1-2:30pm or until supplies last)
 Haliburton County Farmers Association "Meet the Animals"-Cultural Centre
 Spinners and Weavers demonstrations- Cultural Centre
 Timber Frame Building demonstrations- Cultural Centre
 Mighty Machines - Cultural Centre
 Tai Chi demonstrations beside Organic Times
 Minnow Races sponsored by Minden Legion
 Lions Club, Firefighters and Rotary Club BBQ's
 Free Popcorn - Minden Community Volunteer Policing Association
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Other Events to watch out for

8:00 Rock Bass Fishing Derby: register at town dock at 7:30 For children under 15 years of age
 10:00-11:00 Join in a Drumming Circle with Abbey North Drummers beside Organic Times. If you have your own drum
 please bring it along with you! (although it is not required to join in)
 11:00-12:00 Highlands Concert Band in concert at main stage
 11:00 Fishing Derby closes
 11:00-12:15 Crazy River Raft Race registration Rotary Park begins
 11:30 Canada Day Opening Ceremonies: Legion Parade, National Anthem sung by Melanie Prentice along with Highland
 Concert Band, Opening remarks, surprise unveiling and cutting of the Canada Day Cake
 12:15 Haliburton Dance Academy performing at the Main Stage. Be sure to get a good spot to watch the performance!
 12:30 Crazy River Raft Race starts at Rotary Park and ends past town bridge with assistance from Minden's Amateur
 Radio Club
 1:00-2:00 Join in a Drumming Circle with Abbey North Drummers beside Organic Times. If you have your own drum
 please bring it along with you! (although it is not required to join in)
 1:00-2:00 Highlands Concert Band in concert at main stage
 1:30 Rubber Duck Race Gull River Minden Lionesses
 2:00 "Sister Act" Performance- St. Paul's Anglican Church
 At dusk, Fantastic Fireworks at the Fairgrounds sponsored by the Minden Fire Department, the Government
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CANADA DAY 2013



1. Poking Derby 9-11am. Registration at 7:30 am
 2. Classic Cars along Gull River all day long!
 3. Fire trucks on display outside Fire Hall, all day long!
 4. Kids Zone: Jumpy Castles, Games and sidewalk chalk art, Tube painting, window races, Pin Art interactive Booth
 5. Rubber Duck Races: Get one before they are gone!
 6. Abbey North Drummers 10-11 and 1-2. Try Tai Chi, drop in sessions all day long!
 7. Local artists and their work on display 10-2:30 (Lions Hall)
 8. "Meet the Animals" Spinning/Weaving and Timber Framing demonstrations, Coofing Station (with theories), free ice cream (1:00-2:30 or until supplies last), Mighty Machines all at the Cultural Centre
 9. River Raft Race. Registration at 11:00-12:15. Race starts at 12:30.
 10. Fireworks at Dock. Hosted by MOOSE FM \$5.00 parking.
- Main Stage: Legion Parade, Opening Ceremonies, and performances throughout the day. Starting at 11:30am.

✓ Food Booths at various locations

 Canadian Heritage



Highlander arts

What's Up

A chat with a glass man

Tom Green has been a full-time stained glass artist for 33 years, the last 13 in Haliburton County. If his medium is glass his message is transparency, as he's known as a man who speaks his mind and doesn't hide what he thinks. I spoke to him recently about his take on the state of the arts in Haliburton County.

"We're down to one private art gallery in Haliburton Village," Green stated. "In Minden there are none left. That should tell you something."

He sees some of the demise of the galleries as being attributable to gallery owners.

"What did they do about the sad state of affairs?" Green asked rhetorically. "They take anywhere from 30 to 60 per cent from the artists and they should use some of that money to promote themselves and advertise more if they wanted to stay in business."

Like many artists in the county, Green makes most of his in-county sales from studio tours, which he's thankful for. The tours are where the public can access private

artists' studios and buy direct from the artist at a much better price than they'd pay at a gallery.

Another arts-related problem that Green identifies has to do with supporters of the arts.

"Some of them (supporters) are willing to get a piece of art for a couple of bucks," he said. "They go to fundraisers and bid a dollar or two at a loose auction. Meanwhile some artists who have donated their art cannot even afford the entrance fee to the auction."

Last year I donated 43 pieces of my work to various organizations and I can say that no one from any of those organizations repaid me with a visit to my studio. Stuff is going out (from the studio) but nothing is coming back in (from supporters)."

He also takes issue with the high costs of rent.

"You pay more to rent a store in Haliburton than you do in Brantford, and meanwhile there are stores here lying empty. Why not use those empty stores as temporary places where artists can sell their art, like they do in many places in the world? It would. Owners get some money for rent and young artists have a public place to exhibit their art."

Lack of municipal support for artists is also a pet peeve of Green's.

"They (municipalities) spend all kinds of money on things like pond hockey, which is seasonal, but very little goes to supporting our full-time artists."

He lays part of the blame for lack of municipal support at the feet of the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands.

"The artists give money to the arts council, so why isn't the council advocating more on our behalfs and getting us some municipal funding," he asked. "I was one who went to the arts council meetings last November in the hopes of turning things around, but we've heard basically nothing from the council about reorganization since those meetings."

Membership is dwindling, so where is the overall plan, and why are they taking so long in telling us the results from the artist's survey?"

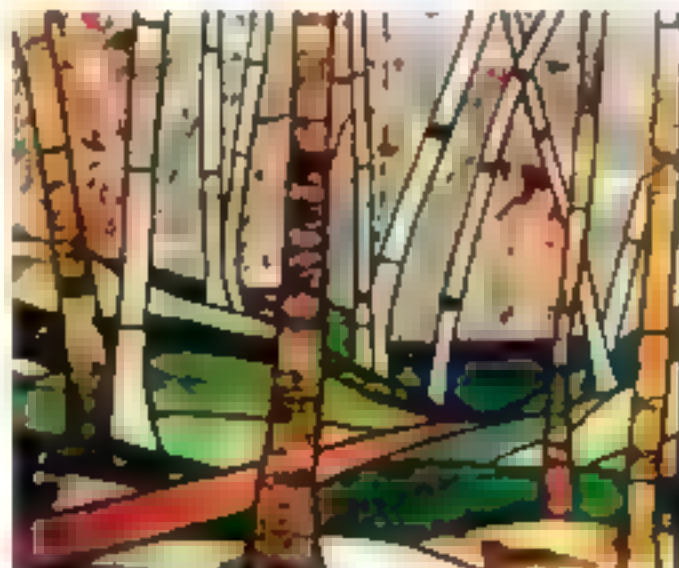
The survey of artists which Green was referring to was undertaken late last year to determine how much money artists in the Highlands contribute to the overall economy. The arts council told its members it would take a couple of months after the results were in to interpret the results. Now, some six months later, artists are still waiting to see exactly what spin the committee is going to put on the survey results.

"This is a community that prides itself on its art, but as an artist it's really scary here now," said Green. "I'm talking about the full-time artists in the county who make their living from their art alone. Most artists here are retirees with some sort of pension or one of the partners is still working. Many of them can afford to go away for the winter. I don't begrudge them that, but there are good artists in the county who have to get jobs in order to survive, so we've got to find ways to get people motivated back to buying art."

In a personal attempt to do just that Green said he's reducing prices on his own works at his Studio.



By George Farrell



A piece of work by Tom Green.

IMPORTANT NOTICE MINDEN HILLS FLOOD RELIEF CLAIMS INFORMATION

The Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) is intended to assist those whose essential property has been damaged as a result of a sudden, unexpected natural disaster, such as a flood.

While ODRAP is not a replacement for insurance, it does cover essential costs to restore damaged private property to pre-disaster condition: repairs and replacement costs required to meet current provincial codes and standards of construction, access, fire and occupational safety. For home owners, examples of some other items covered are basic essential furnishings, appliances, and emergency living expenses. Tools, replacement of damaged inventory at cost, or other items essential to the owner's livelihood are covered for small businesses, and such things as restoring farmland to a workable condition and fencing for livestock are also covered for farms.

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Deadline for submission of ALL Claims is July 31, 2013

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For more complete information, or if you are in doubt about your eligibility for ODRAP assistance, please call 705-286-1260 and speak with the Program Manager, John Rogers after July 1, 2013. Calls will be handled by Paula Stamp, Flood Co-Ordinator prior to July 1.

*Principal Residence: Identification that verifies your identity and address must be presented with your application e.g. Provincial Driver's License or Passport or Property tax bill etc. showing the application is for your principal residence.

Highlander arts



Sandy Skoie frolics in the garden with her cat Buddy Boy.

Seventh Tour de Forest offers 20 artists

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's the one and only tour local artist Sandy Skoie has chosen to be on for the past five years.

"The big advantage is that we have guest artists and you can do the whole tour in a day or two half-days," said Skoie, who will be one of 20 featured artists on the seventh annual Tour de Forest Artists Tour. The tour takes place between Aug. 3 and 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at seven local studios.

In her first year, Skoie joined the scenic tour as a guest artist at Laura Trach's studio.

"She [Laura] asked me if I wanted to do it," she said, adding that the two got to know each other while working at Sir Sam's in Eagle Lake.

Since then, Skoie has been able to feature her work at her Haliburton studio while other artists have joined her.

Skoie uses "colour and line, and strong

design aesthetic" to "create pieces with movement and intensity." She primarily works with acrylic and oil paints, but has been known to experiment with mediums and techniques.

Since graduating from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Skoie has been living and creating in the Highlands for almost 30 years.

"I'm a wanderer," said Skoie, explaining that she relocated to the area because of a former relationship.

In her recent artistic endeavours, Skoie has been experimenting with sprays to create her paintings.

"It sort of forces me to look at shapes and colours, and not line because I'm naturally attracted to line," she said.

Several years ago Skoie began creating self-portrait paintings. Some significant changes in her own life inspired her to head in that direction.

"I had a lot of things I needed to work out," she recalled. "A bigger part of the truth is that it was a great place to experiment with what I could do to an

actual painting that I would sell."

Each year since 2009, Skoie has been creating a new self-portrait.

"They're fun and it all changes. You can see growth in your own life."

During the tour, photography artist Pat Hemphill will join Skoie at her studio, which is located at 1020 Irish Lane.

Other contractors that visitors will discover on the tour will include pottery, jewellery and stained glass.

A new addition to this year's event is the Tour de Forest appreciation card. By visiting one of the following local businesses, visitors will receive a 10 per cent discount on any purchase they make at a studio during the long weekend: Rhubarb, Country Hatchery Bulk Food Store, Mountain G's Tea, The Pines On Bushbuck, The Photo Shop, Halcomb Security, Yours Outdoors and Haliburton Highland's Bed & Breakfast.

To find out more about this year's tour go to www.haliburtontourdeforest.com.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Sweet Salt Air* by Barbara Delinsky
2. *Stranglehold* by Robert Rosenberg **1 + 1**
3. *Missives* by James Patterson
4. *Inferno* by Dan Brown
5. *And The Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Me: Why An Autobiography* by Paul Anka **1 + 1**
2. *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill **1 + 1**
3. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
4. *Indelible: A Memoir of Experiences* by Karim Al-Salayreh **1 + 1**
5. *The Wrecking Ball Returns* by David Chilton **1 + 1**

It has been over 10 years since Khaled Hosseini took the literary world by storm with his first novel *The Kite Runner*. His latest book, new to our library collection and to our top five fiction list is *And The Mountains Echoed*.

The book is about an Afghan family, spanning at the end of the 1940s and ending a decade into the 21st Century. It examines the ways in which the 20th Century has split families apart geographically. It isn't unusual today to find siblings spread all over the world. What does this do to our familial bonds? Does an absence of physical contact impact the very essence of what it means to be family?

In many ways, this novel simply revisits the themes of Hosseini's previous works: family, childhood innocence and how seemingly minor decisions can irrevocably impact one's life path. If you enjoyed *The Kite Runner* or *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, you will likely be equally compelled by *And The Mountains Echoed*. You can reserve this title in print, large print and talking book formats.

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Highlander business

From Wanakita to the Chamber of Commerce

By Mark Arkin
Staff writer

Lauren Hunter won't forget her first day on the job as the new member services representative for the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

"My first day was at 8:45 [a.m.] at the Chamber's fundraising golf tournament," said Hunter. "Rosemarie (Jung) called and said, 'How would you like to start tomorrow?'"

That 18-hole tournament was held on June 13, and since then Hunter has been dedicating 30 hours per week to her new position.

And so far, she's received a warm response from the local business community.

"Everyone has been very welcoming and that's been wonderful," she said.

Hunter grew up in Cochrane, a town located in northern Ontario. She attended high school in Peterborough and went off to Carleton University in Ottawa to study public affairs and policy management.

She points out that she isn't a complete stranger to the Highlands – many of her summers were spent at Camp Wanakita.

"I spent all of my summers there as a camper and then a counsellor. My family would come to the Haliburton Highlands to go skiing every winter, so it's always been kind of a second home."

After graduating from Carleton, she worked

for a not-for-profit think tank and MPP Yasir Naqvi, who is now the Minister of Labour.

Hunter says her post-secondary studies taught her how to be a bureaucrat – which she soon discovered wasn't for her.

"I realized pretty quickly that I didn't want to be a bureaucrat and that I was more interested in working with not-for-profits, especially in the communication and advocacy side of things."

Hunter also wanted to do some "whispering" of her work and life commitments. At the end of last summer she began implementing those changes by relocating to Ingokibby.

"I wanted to be back closer to family," she said, explaining that her family lives in Peterborough and her partner has spent many years in Ingokibby.

When she moved to the Highlands, Hunter made it a priority to make as many

local connections as she could. She joined the 'Shore' Sister Choir, began cooking in Haliburton and attended the Wine, Women and Wisdom networking events.

After hearing positive things about the Chamber from manager Jung, Hunter began volunteering on the advocacy committee. As soon as her position became available following Kendra Heller's departure, Hunter applied.

With her previous employment experiences, Hunter believes she'll bring valuable skills to the position.

"When I got here, I knew that I wanted to

use some of the things I learned, in terms of communication and advocacy, and see what I could do to help."

When it comes to the Chamber's role in the community, Hunter says it is a key organization.

"I think I see the Chamber's role as being

very crucial to economic development in the county. I wanted to dig in in terms of how I can support the member businesses to prosper and thrive."

Some of her duties will include organizing events such as Chamber breakfasts, communicating with members on a regular basis and administrative tasks.

"I'm still getting my feet wet," she said.

Keeping the Chamber's Twitter and Facebook accounts active is also something she hopes to be doing.

When asked if she has any big goals for the upcoming year, Hunter says she would like to first familiarize herself with the position.

"I think my first year goals will include getting a handle on how everything has been run, seeing how we can make improvements to the benefit of our members, communicating with consumers and driving them to our member businesses. Check in with me after a year and I'll tell you what my grand plans are then."

When asked about life in the Highlands, Hunter's eyes light up.

"I really appreciate the connectedness to nature – and I appreciate the ability to take a break to have a better work-life balance here."

To meet Hunter, drop by the Chamber office located at 195 Highland Street (lower level of the Village Barn).



Photo by Mark Arkin
Lauren Hunter is the new member services representative for the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Jaycock leaves Incubator warm for new manager

By Matthew Deerosiers
Editor

There will be a new face at the Haliburton County Development Corporation's (HCDC) Business Incubator.

Current incubator manager Mike Jaycock is stepping down from his role, effective June 28, after three years on the job. He has been with the project for four years, doing consulting and protocol the year before becoming manager.

Jaycock said the decision came after his 71st birthday.

"When I got to that stage and I sat and thought about it, I see a lot of my friends not doing the things they wanted to do," he said. "Ever since I've been up in the Highlands, I

never really did retire, and the incubator has been virtually a full-time job."

He thought it was time to focus more on his art, do more things around the house, and spend more time with wife.

"I felt it was time to look at what comes next," he said. "I love the job, and if I was 10 years younger starting all over again, I would still do this all over because I have really enjoyed the entrepreneurs, the young people who have a dream and just need people who can help them along with that dream."

"That's been a lot of fun."

His favourite part of the job has been sharing the energy and optimism of the clients, he said.

"Each and every one of the clients has shared that [energy], because obviously if you don't have some of that you're not going to

be a successful entrepreneur."

While he will no longer manage the incubator, Jaycock said he might still do some consulting work. And that's just fine by his replacement, Bryan Barlow, who will start officially on July 1.

"The position there is [that of a] coach, mentor and cheerleader," he said. "The other component is the whole financials of running the incubator and reporting that and the progress of the four business that are there now back to the HCDC incubator committee."

Barlow said his expertise lies in the financial end of things, and he plans to bring in consultants, like Jaycock, to supplement his own skillset.

"Part of my role is to approach people that have volunteered to be mentors in certain

capacities," he said. "It would be my job to bring those people together."

Going into this new challenge, Barlow is excited to help local entrepreneurs succeed.

"Down the road, a year from now, [if] each one of the businesses moved out of [the incubator] and were successful on their own, I would consider that a huge success."

"That's the goal."

Jaycock said the incubator is in good hands with Barlow.

"Bryan has some really strong qualifications that he'll bring to it that I didn't have," he said. "Bryan's familiarity, comfort with all things financial will be a real assistance to the current clients and any that come down the pipe."

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Highlander business

A sassy start

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Minden's newest bed, bath and more store is open for business.

Sassy Digs, located on the corner of Beberyegeon Road and Water Street, has been going strong for eight weeks now. Cathy Galen, store manager, said the reception in town has been excellent.

"This is pre-summer season," she said. "The community's really embraced us."

Renovations of the 1,200 sq.-ft. store space began in February. They knocked walls out to open up the space, and removed a sub-ceiling.

"We brought it back to its natural elements," Galen said.

Sassy Digs is a store where you can find bed, bath, furniture and home decor, she said. They label themselves as contemporary country living.

Rodney Tius, company president, said they've got a good variety of items for sale.

"We've got a good selection of stuff," he said. "We try to sell Canadian products. We try to get Canadian as much as we can."

"In terms of quality, some of the sheets, you can't get 220 thread count unless you go to

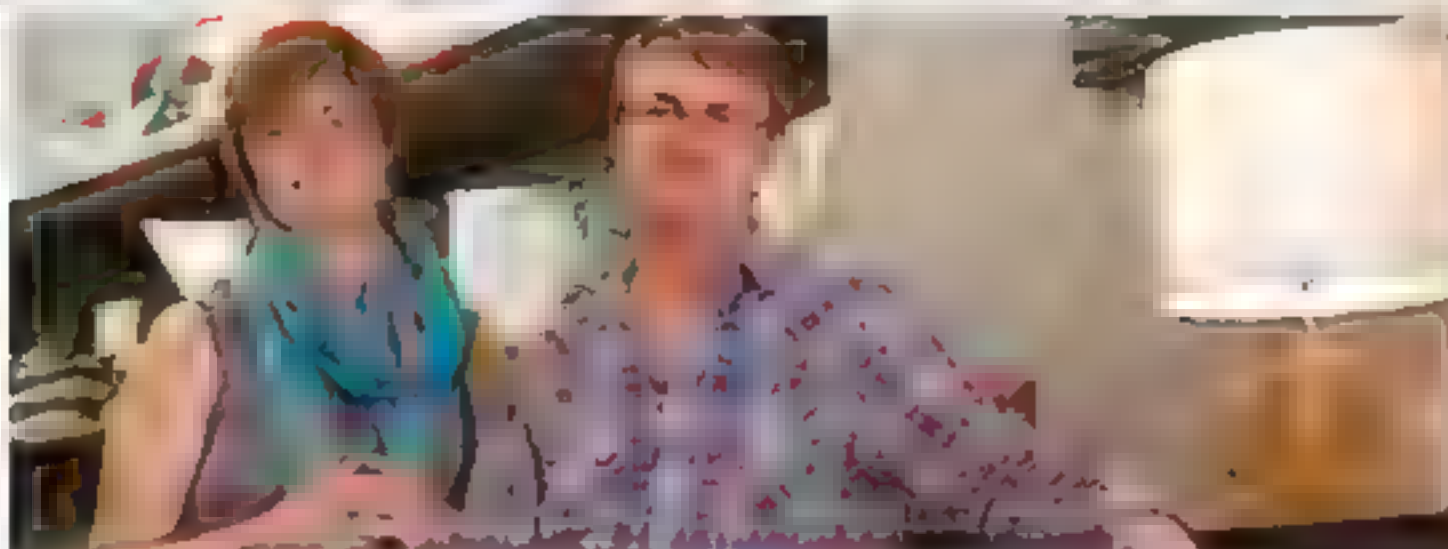


Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Sassy Digs manager Cathy Galen and president Rodney Tius have been in business for eight weeks.

Blackbridge or Peterborough," Galen added. "And they're made in Canada."

One of the hot selling items so far has been shower curtains. They're already on their second order.

"They're so different in terms of colour, design, price point and variety."

Although the store already has a variety of items for sale, they're planning on adding to their inventory. Next is furniture.

Tius plans to have furniture made by a company in Toronto available for sale, like sofas. But he said if customers don't like what they have in store, they have the option to place custom orders.

"If you don't like what we have, you can go to the website and pick out the styles, then you can come pick your fabrics at the shop

here and order it," he said. "If you don't like their fabrics, you can pick our fabrics."

Galen is waiting for more products to come in, such as bath products and home fragrances.

"I keep telling people to pop by from time to time because it's constantly going to be changing," she said. "We've got a couple orders in for different stuff right now."

One of the features that will be changing regularly is the store's wall of art. Haliburton artist Michael Robertson is currently on display at Sassy Digs, along with a husband and wife team, Galen said.

"We want to promote the local artists," she said. "There are so many accomplished artists in the area, so make it another venue to showcase that."

The art is available for sale. Galen said she's already got a backlog of artists wanting to display their work at Sassy Digs.

If you're looking for help staging your home for sale, or if you need help choosing a decor or colours for your home, Sassy Digs offers consultation services that customers can take advantage of. They also offer bridal and special occasion gift registries.

While the store has been open for eight weeks now, Galen said the grand opening will be on July 1.

"We're going to have a 20 per cent red and white sale," she said. "Anything that's red and white, with the exception of local art, dresses or pillows, will be 20 per cent off."




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Photo by Mark Arma

Left to right: Sarah Grotzelle, administrative coordinator; Shanti Bascombe, Need a Hand coordinator; and Nancy Brownsberger, manager of communications and partnership.

Putting their best hand forward

By Mark Arma
Staff writer

There comes a time when everyone needs a helping hand.

In order to address those needs, SIRCH Community Services has launched the "Need a Hand" program.

"I think that the Need a Hand program has the potential to create a lot of positive impact in our community," said Shanti Bascombe, who was recently hired on as the program's coordinator.

The program, which launched in May shortly after the flooding disaster, was designed to "match people who need things with volunteers who will do them." SIRCH was successful in obtaining a \$15,000 grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) to hire Bascombe and run the program.

"We want people to know that anyone across the county can receive support services," said Nancy Brownsberger, manager of communications and partnership for SIRCH.

Since the program hasn't received government funding, there is a fee for service. However, the funds generated from paying clients will be used to subsidize services for those who can't afford them.

"The idea is to pay it forward," said Brownsberger. "So folks that can afford to pay the hourly rate... we now have a small pot of money to subsidize folks that need a hand. It's generating that part and leveling the playing field for everyone that needs personalized services."

"(We want) to be a one-stop phone call for anyone in the county that finds themselves in a position where they just need a hand, with anything in their homes or their lives," said Bascombe. "Whether we match them with a volunteer, or a registered worker or we refer them out to somebody else in the community who can help them, we want to be the place

where people call for help."

To date, an existing volunteer provided their match six hours worth of gardening service.

A former employment counselor at Sirch's employment centre, Bascombe took up the coordinator position on June 3.

"I had been interested in employment with SIRCH for a while, so when this opportunity came up I was very interested in applying for it," she said.

Bascombe will receive help from Sarah Grotzelle, administrative coordinator for SIRCH. Grotzelle will help screen volunteers and develop an electronic database containing their information.

"We're going to be able to match people's strengths and volunteer interest areas with the needs of people in the community," said Bascombe. "So that is what I'm most excited about, I think. It's going to be a really cool offering for the county that doesn't exist right now."

The program isn't intended to take away business from local tradespeople or other service providers.

"We're only doing those things that can't be done by others, or are too small a job."

Brownsberger says the program addresses three important objectives: increasing volunteerism in the community; filling gaps in service; and providing volunteers with vocational training.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to commit two hours of time per month.

"It's whatever you're interested in and whatever you want to do," explained Bascombe. "If you like gardening, then could you volunteer some gardening time? If you like reading, would you like to read to somebody?"

Those who are in need of services but can't afford to pay the hourly fee are asked to complete a subsidy application.

To learn more about the program, contact Bascombe at 705-457-1742 ext. 24 or e-mail shanti_bascombe@sirch.ca.

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Hospital CEO pitches benefits of integration to Community Care

By Adam Kingemil
Contributing writer

President Jeanne Anthon opened the meeting with some welcoming remarks and served as an unofficial MC of sorts as another Community Care Haliburton County AGM is now in the books.

The meeting, which took place on June 26 at the Haliburton Curling Club, began with an audited financial report for fiscal year April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 from Erik Ellis – a representative from Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants, the organization's Lindsay-based accounting firm.

According to the findings of the report, 2013 revenues are up \$12,608 from last year while expenses have increased by \$83,132 since 2012 – leaving the organization with a deficit of \$2,862 for this fiscal year.

After the delivering of the report, it was unanimously agreed to renew the Collins Barrow contract for a fixed – albeit undisclosed, remuneration.

Next came an introduction by

Community Care's executive director, Maureen Ruting, followed by a presentation from the event's guest speaker, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) president and CEO, Varou Eskedjian.

Centred on themes of integration and collaboration, Eskedjian's presentation highlighted what he believed to be the vision of HHHS – "working together for the health of the highlands" – before elaborating on how he planned to accomplish said vision by implementing what he called the HHHS's strategic planning priorities.

These priorities are based on "sustainability, building partnerships, employee and volunteer engagement, continued access to core rural health services, prevention and health promotion, as well as increased senior and special needs care."

Eskedjian concluded his presentation by emphasizing some key similarities between HHHS and Community Care. Similarities that he believes will help to make the upcoming health services integration process between Haliburton

County and the City of Kawartha Lakes both seamless and fast.

These similarities include the desire to "preserve local autonomy and control over health policy and service delivery, maintain quality of service and reach, as well as maintain and further develop economic sustainability and corporate strength."

The meeting proceeded with an acknowledgement of the Community Care staff by Ruting, as well as a speech on volunteerism by coordinator of volunteer resources Brigitte Gebauer that recognized volunteers of the year Ruth and Doug Mitchell.

Chair of the nominating committee, Ray Bassard, then moved to facilitate the unanimous re-election of the organization's board members for another year, before Anthon concluded the meeting with some remarks about her excitement to be working hand-in-hand with HHHS as the integration process heats up, as well as a "huge thank you to all of the staff."



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HHHS President and CEO Varou Eskedjian

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by Matthew Desrosiers

Nicole Rallis (left) visits Kendra Wishnow of the Haliburton County Folk Society and Haliburton Media Arts, and Kate Butler of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Cultural fair a one-stop shop

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The summer may not have been great, but hosting Minden's first cultural fair was a step in the right direction, if you ask Agnes Jackson Gallery curator Laune Carmount.

"It's kind of like a job fair," Carmount said. "That's where the idea came from, as well as other people in the community. We had two meetings with the art council and previous to that the Minden Hills cultural planning (group)." Carmount said in each of those meetings the idea came up to have an event where cultural groups are asked to put together what they offer for the community.

"It's supposed to be, not individual artists or people, but the groups who offer programming to the community."

The first fair was hosted on June 23 in Minden. Exhibitors included the Haliburton Museum, Friends of the Haliburton County Library, the Haliburton County Studio Tour, and others. There were 12 groups in total highlighted at the cultural fair.

For people who want to organize their summer, the cultural fair offers a unique opportunity to do everything in one stop.

"If you knew coming to this, you could

schedule your whole summer, what interests you the most and potentially buy tickets all in one shot, too," Carmount said. "I think it benefits everybody in a very busy schedule."

The other benefit is to the organizations who get their faces and names out into the public.

"It's also important for people to realize who the faces are behind these things," she said.

"You get that personal touch, then the groups become more reliable."

Organizations at the cultural fair do not need to be a not-for-profit.

"We were just looking for community-oriented cultural groups."

Now that the first event is over, Carmount said discussions have already started regarding what to do next year.

"Everybody who came or I spoke with, or who

were involved, felt it was a very good idea," she said. "We had discussions about how to make it better or get it across to people what it's about, so maybe connecting with events that are already established."

The cultural fair is expected to happen once a year, likely in May or June.

"Suzanne felt May would be better," Carmount said. "Once a year, in hopes people mark that on the calendar so that (their) whole summer season into the fall (is scheduled). That's when everybody is doing their programming."

It's supposed to be, not individual artists or people, but the groups who offer programming to the community.

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Jim Cuddy and Greg Keeler are putting on a benefit concert for Minden flood relief.

Cuddy to headline Minden fundraiser

By Matthew Desrochers
Editor

Support for Minden's flood relief keeps on coming.

The latest group to add their celebrity to relief efforts are Jim Cuddy and Greg Keeler of Blue Rodeo, who will be performing at the Kinnosout fairgrounds on Aug. 3.

"Greg (Keeler) lives not far from me, and he likes spending time in the woods just like I do," said Neil Campbell, chair of the After the Flood organizing committee. "I ran into him one day early in the flood and said 'why don't you do a benefit?' He said sure."

The show was originally scheduled for July 27 at the Minden arena, however three weeks ago, Campbell received an e-mail from the Blue Rodeo office saying that Jim Cuddy wanted to participate as well. The only problem was he could only be available the following weekend.

"The Minden arena was not available on Aug. 3, so I went to bed (that night) thinking it's all over," Campbell said. "When I woke up the next day, I immediately thought of the Kinnosout fairgrounds."

The next few days were spent organizing the change of venues.

"We would rather be in Minden because it's a Minden event," he said. "On the other hand, we're trying to raise as much money as we can. The capacity of the fairgrounds isn't infinite, but it's close."

Whereas the arena seats just over 500

people, the fairgrounds holds 1,000, with the potential, if sales are strong, of increasing to 2,000 people.

Tickets went on sale June 21. As of June 24, they had already sold 300 tickets.

"That's not a bad start," Campbell said. "The reaction I'm getting from a lot of people is they're going to make it a group outing. I don't think our sales are going to drop off."

Campbell has been reaching outside of the county for support. He spent part of this week in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough County putting up posters for the concert.

"I was surprised at the number of places I was going in where they had already heard of the event," he said. "That's encouraging."

While selling 1,000 tickets would be seen as a success, Campbell said he and the other organizers would be disappointed.

"There's so much interest," he said. "One of the interesting things is that with Facebook and Twitter, there really are no boundaries. We sold tickets for a group coming from Sarnia. We sold tickets to somebody in Ottawa. Without digital, there's no way we could even attempt to publicize the event over such a wide area."

Tickets are on sale now for \$45 each. They can be purchased online at www.madeinhaliburton.ca, or in person at Organic Times in Minden, Photo Shop in Haliburton, Gateway Variety in Kinnosout, Moondance in Peterborough, and Kent Bookstore in Lindsay.

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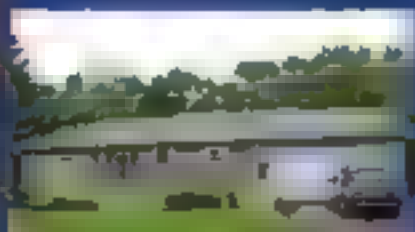
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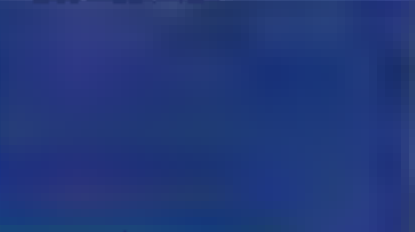
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Highlander people

46 years on OPP Auxiliary 'awesome'

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

They call him Uncle Dick.

After 46 years with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Auxiliary force, Dick Schell, auxiliary staff sergeant and unit commander of the Haliburton Highlands OPP auxiliary unit, has officially retired.

"I feel a bit relieved because, [I'll tell you, to get on a patrol right now - I'll be 70 next birthday," he said. "To move and function like a police officer should, I can't do it anymore. I just don't have the speed. I feel I'm not supportive enough to a regular officer."

His last day was June 10. Schell always wanted to be an OPP officer. "I always had respect for the police, and when I was younger I was taught to have respect for them," he said.

In 1966, he applied to the force. "I had to go to Peterborough for my testing and I passed all my testing," he said. "I was measured for a uniform."

In those days, there was a minimum height requirement of 5'8" to be an OPP officer.

Schell measured 5'7" and three-quarter inches. "They told me to exercise for a couple of weeks and come back, so I stretched and did everything I could."

It wasn't enough. When he returned to be

measured again, he was still too short.

A couple of regular officers approached him and suggested he sign up with the auxiliary. In late 1966, he applied.

"June 1967 I was sworn in and accepted June 9 as an auxiliary officer."

The height restriction was removed in the 1970s, but by then Schell had a job in Minden as a bylaw officer and didn't want to leave the position. He also would never consider a move to the city to apply to the local force.

"If I'm in Toronto more than two days, I'm a banker case. I can't make the city my well."

Over his years in the auxiliary, the landscape has changed dramatically.

"When I started out, the unit was in Lindsay," he said. "We weren't allowed to drive cruisers at that time, and then after two years in Lindsay, in 1969, a move to Peterborough."

Auxiliary officers had to drive their own vehicles to the two monthly meetings in Lindsay and Peterborough.

"It was the mid-90s when we were able to drive OPP cruisers on our own, just to meetings. We're not allowed to stop violators. We're not police officers."

The role of an auxiliary officer is to support the regular force.

"Our function is to be trained sufficiently so that, if there was ever an emergency and the regular force numbers were not numerous enough to handle the situation,

we could be appointed as regular officers by the commissioner."

They must pass training every year, the same as regular officers but not to the same degree, he said. Tests include firearms and the use of force.

"When we go out, we have to get a minimum of 10 hours on patrol a month, plus training," Schell said. "We have to go out and assist the regular officers. We're his or her backup."

Auxiliary officers have the same power of arrest as regular officers, however they face the same dangers as regular officers. Schell recalled one accident in particular where he was in danger. It was back in 1971.

"There was a call at midnight to go to Brady's Lake," he said. "It was a bunch of bikers at a party at somebody's cottage. They were wrecking it."

Schell was dispatched along with three officers. They arrived on scene around 12:30 a.m.

"All hell was breaking loose."

As the officers entered the cottage, Schell was told to watch the cruisers. However, while he was alone outside



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Uncle Dick, on his last day in the auxiliary, he heard a rushing in the bush behind him. Shining the lights towards the noise, he saw someone hiding.

"I saw this person holding a bicycle chain about five lengths. I started to run, got in [the cottage] and told [the officers] about it. They came out and arrested him."

"He was ready to wrap my neck with the chain."

That call will always rock in his memory.

"I'll never forget that night," he said. "I came in real close. You just don't know what you go out to work. You're in the same situation as a regular officer. They [cruisers] don't look at a light blue shirt or a dark blue shirt, all they're looking at is the uniform."

Schell said he never thought about the danger associated with the job.

"We're trained to keep our eyes open and watch. You don't think of a person being that bad."

In May 2012, one of Schell's long-time goals finally came to fruition. Haliburton Highlands got its own unit of auxiliary officers.

"That's why I was made auxiliary staff sergeant as the unit commander," he said.

He had been working towards getting a unit in the Highlands with other senior officers and staff in Minden, but had his hands slapped by regional command.

"They just told me 'don't you do that again', and said 'when we want a unit in Haliburton we'll tell you'. And they did. My wish came true."

There are approximately 900 members of the auxiliary force in Ontario. The Haliburton detachment has five members now and three more coming in September. Schell credits the unit's relationship with the regular officers in Minden as a reason for its success.

"Most of our training comes from officers in this detachment, because they have the

training to do it," he said. "Every officer in this detachment or any detachment I've worked out of, there's never been an officer I've had words with. We got along really well. You show them respect, they show you respect."

On his last day, Schell sent out an e-mail to his colleagues to say farewell.

"I sent an e-mail to the boys on the auxiliary unit and I just said this last 46 years have just been awesome. It's been like having another family, and the only thing I would change if I could change anything is my age so I could stay on. It just has been a great experience."

Schell said he'll miss the camaraderie, but is thankful to have the extra time to spend with his family.

"I want to say thanks to everybody, especially my wife and family."

His wife, Carol Anne Schell, worked at the Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest before retiring in 2000. Schell's son, David, is an OPP officer in Huntsville while his other son, Doug, is the fire chief in Minden Hills.

"I've very proud of both of them."

OPP Sergeant Sandy Adams worked with

Schell during her time at the Haliburton Highlands detachment. She said he's known as Uncle Dick because he's been in her life for so long.

"Uncle Dick is one of the most genuine people you'll ever meet," she said. "He exemplifies the values that we all aspire to be as police officers in the OPP - honesty, integrity, hardworking, loyal, true and committed to making our communities safe and healthy places to live, work, play and raise our community's children."

"I, for one, will miss him greatly. He has impacted my life and my career, just by being who he is."

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Fighting brain cancer one day at a time

By Mark Arlino
Staff writer

September 26, 2012 started out just like any other day.

Jay Manning was in a meeting at his restaurant, The Firehouse, when his whole world turned upside down. At the time, he was only 42 years old.

"I turned my head one way and I just started having a seizure, my eyes started fluttering and my body started drumming," Jay recalled.

"He was just an average, healthy guy going about his day, pouring his first morning coffee," added his wife Anita. "Suddenly, his whole world changed."

Jay was rushed to the Mount Sinai hospital, where doctors thought he was having a stroke or heart attack.

"I kept telling them it was a seizure," Jay said.

He underwent numerous tests — none of which revealed what the problem was. When he was about to be released from hospital he suffered another seizure.

"Then they knew right away that this has nothing to do with your heart," he said.

Jay was immediately sent to Peterborough for further tests.

"As soon as I got to Peterborough, I was right inside a CT machine."

Anita knew the situation was serious when she tried to keep up to the ambulance.

"I was following him in my truck and I was trying to keep up with the ambulance. I was doing 120 (kilometers per hour) but the ambulance was long gone," she said.

After the scan, the doctor told Jay he had a mass in his right frontal lobe. In layman's terms, this meant he had a tumour in his brain.

Anita saw the scanned image of Jay's brain, which clearly showed the mass that was there.

"When I saw the visual I just knew that we were in trouble," she said.

"We had held on to hope that it wasn't cancer until the biopsy came back."

After seeing a brain surgeon at Kingston, Jay learned that he also had a cyst in his brain.

"The cyst was putting pressure on parts of his brain that would trigger a seizure," Anita explained. "The doctor's goal was to go in and remove or collapse the cyst itself."

When they went to remove Jay's cyst, doctors discovered Jay had a Glioblastoma multiforme tumour — one of the most common and deadliest types of tumours.

"The news was all devastating," Anita said. She decided to tell Jay about the diagnosis rather than let the surgeon deliver the devastating news.

"I did not want Jay to have access to the information that I had, because once those questions are asked you can't take them back."

At that point, neither knew exactly what they were dealing with.

"They didn't know, at that point, whether it was a fast-growing or slow-growing tumour," she said.

Jay clearly recalls his first major surgery, which was a biopsy.

"With that first surgery, I was very scared,"

he said. "I was very upset because when you hear cancer — there are so many different forms of cancer and there's no cure for cancer."

The surgery "left him left," he recalled.

"It was just a horrible experience. But as time goes on, you recover."

After the surgery Jay lost his short-term memory for a period of three weeks. He also started a serious depression. However, he stayed well physically.

He then ended up at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto but transferred to the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. He immediately started six weeks of chemotherapy and immune radiation.

"It knocks you right down," he said. "It's very exhausting."

During this time the couple rented a condo near the hospital for two months. Although they could've stayed in a free lodge which is offered through the hospital, Anita felt it would be best to give Jay his own space and privacy.

"The last thing I wanted to do was put him in an environment where people are at all different stages of their cancer battle," she said. "Some people are at their last part. The last thing you want to do is put him in there with all these people."

It was a very financially challenging time for the couple but to this day they believe it was a worthwhile investment.

"He could lay on the couch and sleep all day, and I could sit beside him. I think — hands down — that it was one of the best decisions we made."

In January, Jay and Anita returned to their home in the Highlander as well as their restaurant business, which is located on Knapog Lake. Together, they've run the Firehouse for the past 10 years.

"I opened the business and ran it myself for the whole non-walkable season," Anita said. "We're really an intense non-walkable destination."

For four months

Jay took a chemotherapy drug at home. When he went to pick up his second prescription and undergo more

tests, he received more bad news.

"They found that my cyst had grown back and that the tumour was getting aggravated. So that was the lead up to another brain surgery."

Jay's next surgery was scheduled to take place on April 16 at the Toronto Western Hospital.

"I was scared because I didn't want another surgery," he said. "Just because I could

remember the pain from the first one."

The day before the surgery Jay and Anita went out with some friends to celebrate their wedding anniversary and Anita's birthday. One of those friends managed to get him a signed Bobby Orr jersey. On it, Orr wrote "I'm in

We didn't realize how poorly we were doing in the fight

Anita Manning

Jay's corner."

"When my friends were out, they got me Bobby Orr," Anita explained. "Bobby Orr was and got him a jersey. That was a fabulous gift for him the day before he was going into his surgery."

Despite his fear, Jay knew he had to have the surgery. His surgeon, who had performed over 5,000 of these operations over the course of his career, warned Jay that he would be aggressive in his approach.

"He said he would go in and try to take out at least 80 to 90 per cent of the tumour, which I thought was incredible."

The risks associated with the operation were great. Jay's surgeon warned him that he could suffer both permanent paralysis, loss of sight, speech and memory. But without it, the likelihood of him dying was great.

"We didn't realize how poorly we were doing in the fight," Anita said. "We didn't actually realize that we were losing the battle."

After the second surgery Anita felt her husband had a fighting chance.

"They told me they removed 90 to 95 per cent of the tumour."

Following the surgery, Jay remained unresponsive for three days.

"He wasn't in a coma because his mind was working, but he was unresponsive. They would open his eyes

and wake him out of his state, and they would ask him a

question and he would answer accurately.

Then they would ask him a second question and he would fall back to sleep."

After three days, Jay slowly started to wake up. On the fourth day he was able to move his finger. Then he moved one of his toes — a sure sign that he wasn't paralyzed.

"His mind was hanging on, his memory was hanging on. You could ask him a question about a person from 30 years ago and he would remember their name."

The day after that second surgery, the couple's truck was broken into. The signed Orr jersey was stolen, along with several other valuable items. Anita posted a rant on Facebook about the theft, which led to media coverage of the incident and Jay's story.

"A friend of mine is a friend of Avery Haimes (reporter for CityNews). She tweeted her and told her what happened."

Haimes followed up with Anita to produce a feature segment on Jay, which appeared on the Toronto news station. As soon as Haimes saw a Facebook page that Anita had set up for Jay, she was blown away by his story.

"Even before the CityTV thing aired, his page was getting 1,500 views on each post," she said. "After CityTV it was more like 4,500 to 5,000 hits."

The CityTV team managed to get a brand new signed Orr jersey for Jay while he was in the hospital.

"I was still confused about it at first," Jay said.

During his battle, Jay says Facebook proved to be one of his greatest tools in the recovery process.

"People I don't even know were writing good wishes, saying that they're praying for me."

His page titled "In Jay's Corner" also opened up dialogue with other brain cancer survivors.

"On Jay's Corner, we're getting people from all over the world," Anita said, adding that she has received support from other women who are in the same position as her.

At the end of May, Jay was able to return home. But now he is living in a cottage away from the stress of the restaurant business.

"It feels good (to be back home) because I was getting stir-crazy in the hospital," he said. "It felt great to get out."

Both Jay and Anita can't thank the community enough for their tremendous outpouring of support.

"When I was down at Toronto Western, the community did a spaghetti dinner benefit with a silent auction, which helped out a lot," he said. "The community has been great."

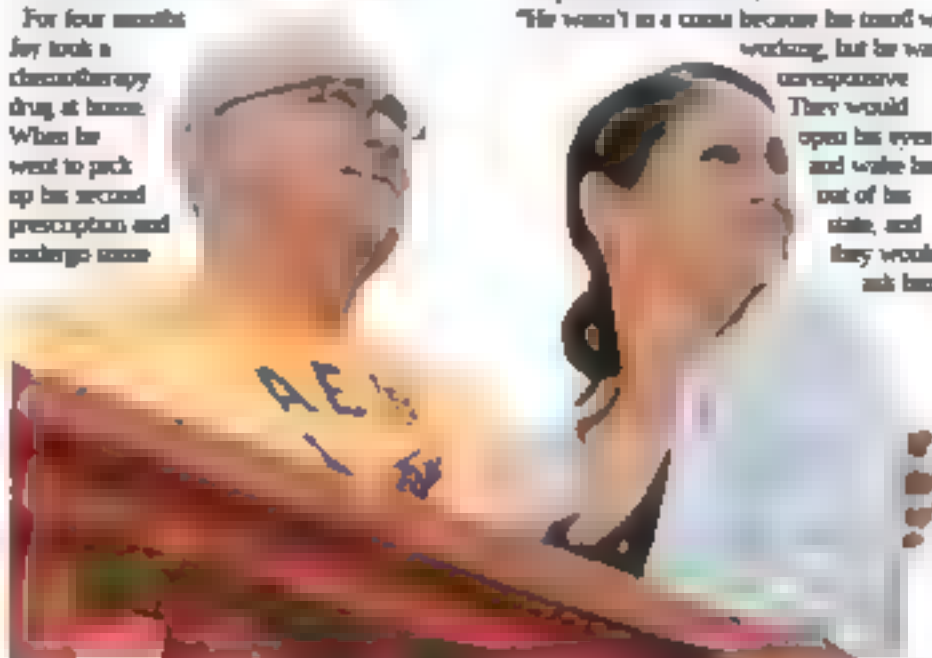
"We've had strangers donate large amounts of money to us that we have never met," Anita added.

Jay is still on a chemotherapy drug, but hopes this will be his last round of treatment.

"I'm very positive that this is going to be the one that shuts down that little bit of cancer that's left in my head."

Although there isn't a prognosis for his condition, Jay plans on living life to the fullest.

"Right now, I've got to start living every day like it's my last day," he said. "People say things like that all the time, but when you come close to dying it's really true."



Jay and Anita Manning look out at the lake from the deck of the Firehouse Restaurant.

Photo by Mark Arlino

Minden Flood 2013

Flood recovery goes 'on and on'

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Highlander continues to profile victims of the Minden Flood.

Judy Webb didn't know how bad the flood was going to get when she left for Peterborough on April 20.

The water had started to rise the previous day.

"The river was high, and between my house and the next property there's a little ditch and a culvert that goes under the road," she said. "When the river gets high, I've seen it before, that (culvert) is not able to empty so it kind of backs up and we have a lake between us."

"I was seeing that lake."

Although there wasn't any water on her property yet, apart from the lake between her house and the neighbour's, Webb said she could see the indicators that it might not stop.

"I don't think I realized how serious it was then because I went to Peterborough for a birthday party and came back on Sunday (April 21)," she said. "Then I realized how bad it was. I could only bring my car up to my neighbour's. There was water all over the road in front, all over my whole property. It was pretty scary, so I came in and I just started moving everything up out of the basement."

Luckily for Webb, she had been working in her basement trying to organize and tidy things up prior to the flood so she knew where her important items were. Her basement was still dry, so she started moving things upstairs.

"There wasn't any water in the basement at that point in time, but the water seemed to be rising and I had phone calls saying we were supposed to evacuate."

One of her neighbours called and offered to help move items out of the basement.

"We were just trucking stuff up from the basement," she said. "I managed to remove anything that was really precious, but I

couldn't bring everything up."

When she returned to her house, Webb immediately checked the basement.

There were water marks at two feet. It had been higher (than the eight inches) but had come down.

Webb moved back into her house on April 25, seven days after evacuating. She had been staying with friends, parking her car up the street and walking in her house in hip waders to start cleanup.

"I just wanted it to be normal again," she said. "But I still don't feel normal. It's still a process."

She was able to get a new furnace and went back through insurance due to pump failure, but is still waiting to see if her washer and dryer will also be covered.

What bothers Webb now are the things that remain. Her things aren't back to way they were.

"Sometimes I feel irritated about it, and sometimes I feel sad," she said. "I lost my dock, it went down river. It didn't get tied up or anything."

"I enjoyed having the dock. I remember when I moved here, it was quite a performance to get the permit to be able to have it and so on, and then I got it and enjoyed having it. It's gone and there's no way that's going to be covered because it's something recreational, basically."

Her daughter also lost items that were stored

in the backyard. After drying her basement, Webb didn't immediately move things back downstairs. A few weeks after the flood, the waters started to rise again, coming over the Riverwalk.

"I wasn't frightened, but it made me nervous," she said. "I had gone for a walk

one day and the Riverwalk was dry, and the next it was covered in water."

"That's why (my things) are still upstairs, is because I'm afraid."

For the first few weeks after the flood, Webb woke up every morning and looked outside to see where the water was.

"It impacts your life," she said. "I was really hoping to do some travelling next year, and there (are) two reasons why there will be less travel happening, because of money I'll have to spend elsewhere and the other thing is I would be afraid. I

was thinking of moving my house while I did a

lot of travelling. Well, who's going to want to be renting this house next spring?"

While she doesn't want to leave the house in the spring, she also isn't comfortable living there, either.

"I'm going to be nervous living here next spring," Webb said. "I don't want to be out of the country because we're all a little bit worried about what's going to happen next time."

"I still feel like it just goes on and on."



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Judy Webb is still recovering from the flood.

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The ComputerGuy Keep your computer cool

I get asked all the time: "why is the fan in my computer running really fast?" or "why does it run fast then slow down for a few seconds and then run fast again?"

Most computers have a temperature sensor and a variable-speed fan. As your machine runs, it keeps an eye on how warm it is and decides at what speed to run the fan.

If your machine is going hot quickly, it tries to cool itself off by running the fan at full speed. This cools it down somewhat so the fan can be slowed down, but then it heats up again and it's full speed (an) again!

The real question here isn't why your fan runs so much, but why is your computer getting so hot?

Sometimes dust, dirt, and other debris block the air vents of your computer and it can't create enough air flow to cool down efficiently. The fan makes some difference, but the problem simply could be that it can't dissipate the heat fast enough so the computer just says too warm.

In a situation like this, I recommend that you take a look at the air vents in and around the computer. Make sure they're clean and have good airflow.

If you're on a desktop, my suggestion would be to buy a can of compressed air from your local electronic store, pop the case open, and blow out any dust and debris that has accumulated within the machine and on the CPU's heat sink. If you have a laptop, doing this is a little bit more difficult, but you can blow out the vents on the side and bottom.

Never, ever, stick the end of a vacuum cleaner inside the computer.

If you're doing something that is CPU intensive, your machine will get hot. This happens when your processor is doing a lot of calculations.

In this case, it's normal that the fan will kick in to keep the computer running at a normal speed. That's why this whole heat-prevention scenario exists. A hard-working CPU generates heat, and the fan and cooling system dissipate the heat.

So, let's say dust and debris aren't the problem and you're not doing anything CPU intensive but your fan is still running at high speed. In this case, it's possible that some other program on your computer is stressing the CPU. It could be expected or unexpected. It could be malware.

You can scan your computer with free malware/spyware removal software like Malwarebytes Anti-malware and remove what it finds.

If you find that it's not any of these then you may need to add another fan to the tower to extract the excess heat away from the CPU. If you have a laptop then you can purchase a cooling pad that plugs into a USB port.

Above all, keeping your computer cool is essential for it to run at top efficiency and prolong the life of your CPU and motherboard.



By David Spence

An introduction to social media, Part I

By Adam Kingmaith
Contributing writer

For newer users, social media can seem a tad intimidating.

Major platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, offer an overwhelming number of ways to engage virtually with family, friends, and professional contacts.

Commonplace buzzwords like "tweet," "post," "share," and "like" contribute to an obscure vocabulary that can discourage even the most social and web-savvy of people from taking the digital plunge into these stimulating online communities.

Whether you're promoting a business, connecting with family and friends, or searching for work, it just takes an understanding of the basics to turn social media into a safe, invaluable, and cost-effective tool for users of all ages.

At its core, social media is nothing more than a grouping of user-driven, interactive websites and mobile applications that allow people to create, share, and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks.

Facebook – arguably the most popular of the social media platforms, is essentially a way to keep in touch with people that you are already acquainted with.

All you need is a valid e-mail address and you can create a Facebook profile – done by updating hobbies, passions, as well as work and school experiences. Then you can connect with co-workers, former schoolmates, acquaintances, and family members by adding them as "friends" on the site simply by searching them by name.

As a user you can then "post" videos, pictures, and text on your profile "wall" and the walls of your friends, as well as send messages, network, and communicate with businesses, celebrities, politicians, musicians, and other public figures.

Think of Facebook as a digital family reunion that allows users to share, chat, and learn with people that are important to them from anywhere and at anytime.

Twitter – a more streamlined variant of Facebook, is a platform that allows users to post 140 character updates – or "tweets" – of what is going on in their lives.

Users on the site choose who they do and do not "follow" – the same as "friends" – and have total control of the news they receive on their "homepage", which is the feed that you see when signed into Twitter containing your and your followers' tweets.

Tweets can include links to things users find interesting, funny, or useful, while the homepage can be used as a newsfeed by following prominent people or networks, a pseudo-chat room by limiting followers to close friends and family, or a blog – i.e. a journal – by updating people about the work you are doing and your personal life.

Think of Twitter as a global town square that allows users to brush shoulders with influential public figures they've never met, as well as family and friends who tweet.

LinkedIn – more profile depth than Twitter and more specialization than Facebook, is essentially a database of professionals standardized by employer and job title.

The profile reads more like a resume, with users soliciting recommendations from former employees, listing previous education and work experiences, and searching for "connections" – professional relationships are akin to friends and followers.

The more connections a user has, the more searchable they become. This is because LinkedIn is all about finding and being found. Employers can seek out potential new employees, while students, unemployed, and simply curious users can read up local businesses and apply to new employment opportunities directly from the website.

Think of LinkedIn as a virtual networking conference that allows users to build an online resume and employers to seek out and recruit in a mutually beneficial way.

In Part 2 of this series, we'll explore ways that businesses can take advantage of social media.

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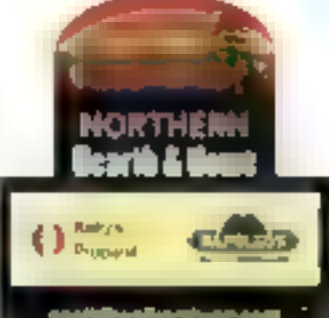
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County's first Green Living Tour

By Will Jones
Contributing writer

Do you imagine making your home more environmentally friendly but are unsure of how to go about it?

Does the thought of making the leap to greener energy, even going off-grid, sound appealing but the reality of actually doing it make you very nervous? If so, or if you're just interested in how those with an eco-beat live, then the Green Living Tour is for you.

On July 6, Haliburton County will be holding its first environmental open-house day. Structured like the now famous artist Studio Tour, there will be 13 properties open to visit, located geographically in four road-linked loops – Haliburton, Highlands East, Carleton Place and West Gullford.

Visitors will be able to check out a wide range of green energy sources that county residents have installed on their homes: from photovoltaic panels (the blue solar panels seen on house roofs) to wind turbines, solar hot water heating to geothermal transfer systems. There will be innovative building techniques such as straw bale construction, natural wall finishes and ecoflow septic systems, as well as waste product re-use plans including rainwater collection and biochar manufacture.

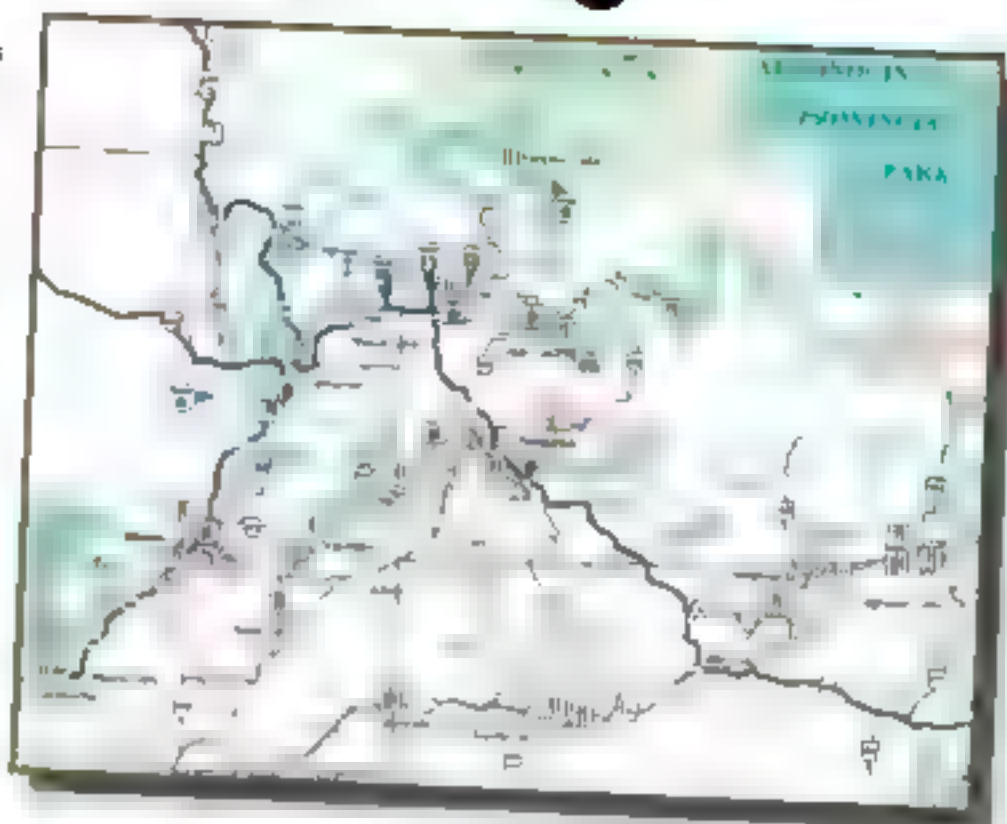
"We have tried to include a variety of buildings and techniques on the Green Living

Tour," says Heather Reid, director of U-Links and project manager for the tour. "There are homes in visit, businesses and even an unfinished project so that people can see work in progress."

Reid has worked hard with the green committee at the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), as well as municipal environmental commissions, to bring the tour to fruition and she sees this first year as a pilot project, with the tour hopefully growing in size and scope in the future.

"The goals of the tour are to give access to sustainable technologies and to assist in their understanding," Reid says. "Being able to talk to someone who has actually gone out and installed solar panels, for instance, is really helpful to a person unsure of whether that route is right for them. People have a lot of questions about green technologies and techniques and the informal setting of the tour is hopefully a place where they feel they can ask them."

The HCDC's involvement in the tour stems from its desire to promote business within the region, to expose innovative business and technologies, and to increase the take-up of these offerings by local people. U-Links' role as a community research centre will be to collect information from the tour, from property owners and visitors, to gauge its success and potential as a future



business drive in the area.

So, if you fancy a day touring Haliburton County and meeting a whole host of environmentally minded people who have taken the leap into green living, pick up a

brochure and head out on the first Green Living Tour. Go to <http://www.greenlivingtour.blogspot.ca> for a map and more information.

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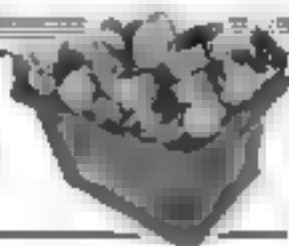
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Junior Highlanders



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Highlands East reeve Dave Burton presents the environment committee's green challenge awards to the Wilberforce Elementary School recipients.

WES going green

By Matthew Dearosiers
Editor

When Suzanne Partridge, Highlands East deputy-reeve and member of the environment committee, visited the Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary Schools on Earth Day to challenge the students to think about the environment, she didn't know the response she was going to get.

"The challenge was to come up with a green idea for home or school, or in the general public, to help make the world a better place," she said.

During the launch of the Green Challenge, each student received a bag full of information on the environment, as well as information on the challenge.

"Whether or not they participated, [the students] received a bag," Partridge said.

Cardiff Elementary made the challenge a school project, resulting in almost 100 per cent participation.

"All of them did pictures," she said, adding that it was age-appropriate as the school cuts off at Grade 3.

"They were amazing. Some of the ideas, the things they thought about, [were great]."

The ideas presented by the students ranged from simple recycling to being careful not to use too much water when washing their hands.

"That was junior kindergarten," Partridge said. "I think the message is getting out to these kids."

Wilberforce Elementary only submitted five entries, but they were also impressive, she said. One of the challenge winners, Mikaela Kauffeldt, submitted a movie she made with the help of her sister Abigail, and her friend, Halle Dale.

"I made a movie and it was about having more bear-proof garbage cans in town sites, since there's so much garbage that

I find," said Kauffeldt. "I usually find [garbage] on the roadside and in pathways and parks."

The movie starts with the two young actresses walking from the store where they bought some ice cream, and one of them throws garbage on the ground. The other tells her that's not ok, and to pick it up.

From there, they write a letter to the environment committee to add more bear-proof garbage cans, and they mailed it.

"I thought of the bear-proof garbage cans because bears get into the garbage and it's easier for them to clean it up."

Kauffeldt said she was inspired to make the five-minute movie because she cares for the environment.

"I feel that the environment should be clean so we're not always worrying about it," she said. "I don't believe in pollution, really. I like to be environmentally friendly as much as I can."

After completing her film, Kauffeldt decided to take things a step further.

"She asked to be a delegation to our environment committee," Partridge said. "She came to our May meeting and did a presentation to us that she had all very professional on her BlackBerry Playbook. She wants to head up a clean-up day in Highlands East."

The presentation was well-received, and Kauffeldt was asked to return in the beginning of winter to work out details with the committee.

"They liked my idea," Kauffeldt said. "In Bancroft, they do that every year, so I thought why don't we do that?"

Although she's ready to pick up the trash she finds lying around, Kauffeldt would much prefer not to have the problem at all. Her request is simple:

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Junior Highlanders

Archie Stouffer students receive DARE awards

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

The Grade 5 students of Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School celebrated their Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) graduation with diplomas and pizza.

Haliburton Highlands OPP community services officer Paul Power presented the students with their certificates of achievement on June 20.

DARE is an educational tool to help school children develop the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. In the Haliburton Highlands, DARE is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through to Grade 12 how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.

Power is the coordinator and is proud of his involvement.

"As far as what we introduce the kids to, which is part of their health curriculum, is giving them the ability to have appropriate decision making capabilities," he said. "The kids are going to be in tough situations and they are going to have to be able to deal with that. We want to give them the tools to allow them to know what to do."

A large amount of peer pressure is placed on today's children and according to Power needs to be fully addressed.

"Peer pressure can be a positive thing. We always think of peer pressure as a negative thing and its consequences."

Power gave an example of positive peer



Photo by Warren Riley

Archie Stouffer Grade 5 students show their DARE graduation awards.

pressure.

"We also show the kids how to turn peer pressure into a positive thing," he said. "You can have a group of friends to a (basketball) court and have someone say, 'they come and

join the team.' That's a positive attitude."

"What we want to do is to give the kids the tools they need so they can make those decisions because they will be in those situations and be able to deal with

it appropriately," he continued. "They are coming into their teenage years and what we are doing is teaching them how to deal with them accordingly so they will be successful in the future."



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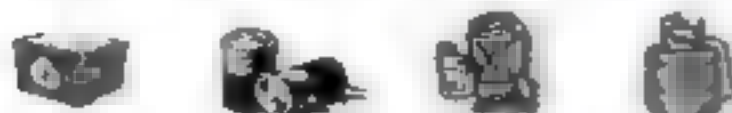
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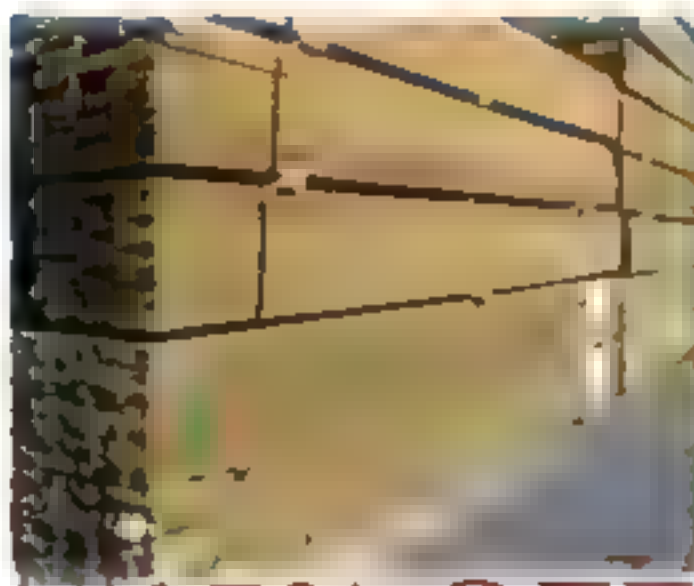
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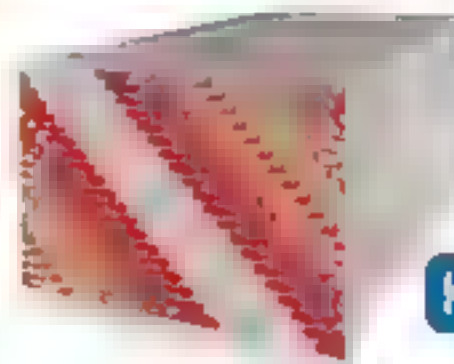
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Top left: Students celebrate their graduation. Top right: Principal Dan Marsden addresses the graduating class. Right: Parents and family members gather near the podium to snap photos of the graduates as they receive their diplomas. Above: Piper Andrew Marsfield leads the graduates into the gymnasium.

Red Hawks soar to new heights

By Mark Arikte
Staff writer

It's the moment they had been waiting for the past four years.

On June 28, over 150 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students entered the school's gymnasium to grace the stage and receive their Ontario Secondary School Diplomas.

"It's really a heartfelt honour to be here today," said Gary Brotsman, the school's former principal and current Haliburton County trustee for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSE).

"This moment is yours," he told the students. "No one can take it away. Make sure you use it well."

Principal Dan Marsden expressed his commitment to the students, and parents for bringing the school "the best kids in the world."

He finished his speech by encouraging students to ask questions and help make the world a better place.

"Take the Red Hawk pride and show the rest of the world what it's like to be a Red Hawk. You're special."

Principal Dan Marsden used popular song lyrics to inspire students as they prepare to embark on a new journey.

"Reach higher, grade, to make your future a better place not just for yourself but everyone else as well," he said.

"Be believers, be leaders, be champions and above all else, be true seekers. Every day may not be a huge and wonderful success, but it's the process that defines your character and will support the pursuit of your future dreams."

This year's valedictorian, Zachary Cox, called the graduation ceremony a momentous occasion for all Grade 12s.

"It marks an incredible time for an incredible group of people," said Cox. "Time and time again over the past few years, the graduating class of 2013 has

proven that we do stand out, that we are outstanding, and that we do set standards."

Cox called the graduates active participants in all areas of school life.

"We're active participants, whether it's in sports, in arts, school clubs and community events," he said, adding that the graduating class "really has done it all."

Now that they've come to the end of this phase in their studies, Cox said it's time for each graduate to push forward.

"It's time for us to set new standards," he said. "We are the Red Hawks and it's time for us to soar."

Highlander graduates



In this photo are Megan Allora, Sabrina Antonucci, Tanner Battanyne, Alana Bannister, Cory Barry, Cassandra Beauregard, Christina Barning, Maurna Berry-Curi, Mazi Besner, Jessica Bishop, Shannon Bidner, Zach Boice, Holly Broderick, Samantha Bromell, Grace Caraway, Kris Calven, Robert Camochan, George Charlebois, Seamus Chaulk, Ben Chun, Sarah Comer, Kirsty Cook, Melissa Cooper, Auna Cox, Brendan Cox, and Cody Cox.



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Highlander graduates

Graduation at J.D. Hodgson ES



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School Grade 8 students enjoyed their graduation ceremonies on June 25. Top left: Allison Paul, Emma Scheffee and Logan McCready-DeBruin were awarded the Citizenship Award. Top right: Hannah Klose, Brittany Bull and Victoria Archibald with their awards for Academic Excellence. Left: Principal Elaine Fournier presented Kerindal Marsden with the Principal's Leadership Award. Above: Rachel Churko and Mikayla Stinson with their Leadership Awards.

Highlander graduates

Stouffer grads have big plans

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

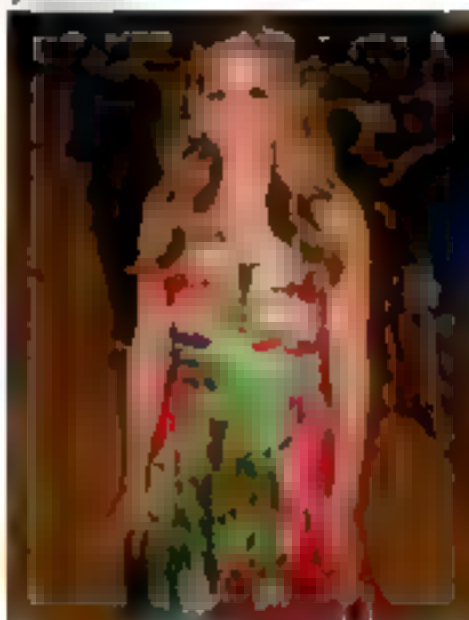
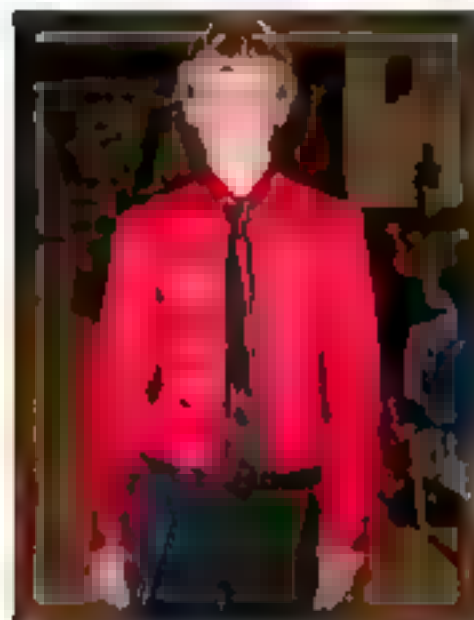
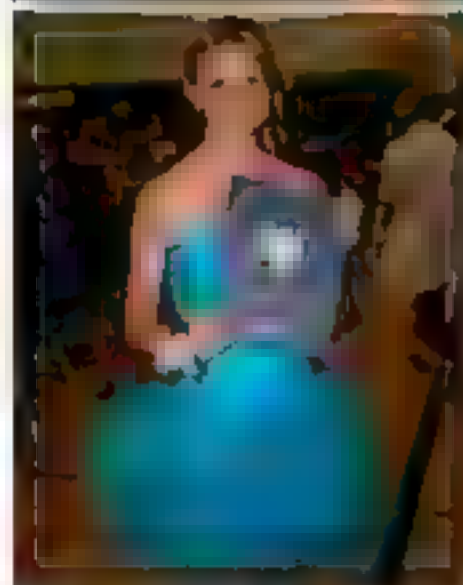
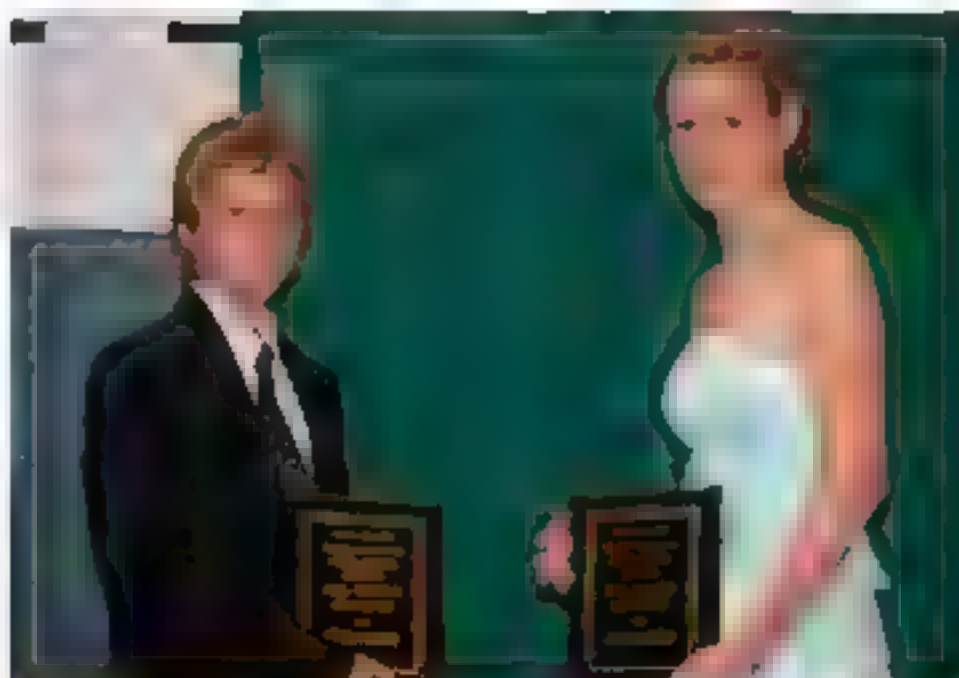
Cheers were flashing and the applause was deafening at the annual Grade 8 graduation ceremonies at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Over 300 attended the gala ceremonies including parents and relatives of the graduating class.

Principal Tracy Hubbert started the proceedings by introducing the dignitaries and teachers involved in the ceremonies and honouring all students who will continue their education at Haliburton Highlands Secondary

School.

The guest of honour was trustee Gary Borkman who gave his greetings and best wishes to the outgoing students from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Several students were praised for planning their future. Valedictorian and subject award winner Rebecca Hamilton intends to eventually go to Queens University and become a doctor. For Hunter Francis, his sights are set on becoming either a mechanical engineer or a professional snow boarder and Chelsea Smallwood wishes to pursue a career in education or becoming a pharmacist.



Photos by Warren Riley

Top right: Gabe Petric (left) and Jamie Little, winners of the Principals Award All Round Student for 2013. Right: Chelsea Smallwood receives a subject award. Far right: Vivian Collins receiving the award for academic excellence. Below: Graduation night award winners at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Above left: Hunter Francis with his MPP Laurie Scott subjects award binder. Above right: Valedictorian and academic excellence award winner Rebecca Hamilton.



Highlander graduates



Sun shines on Wilberforce

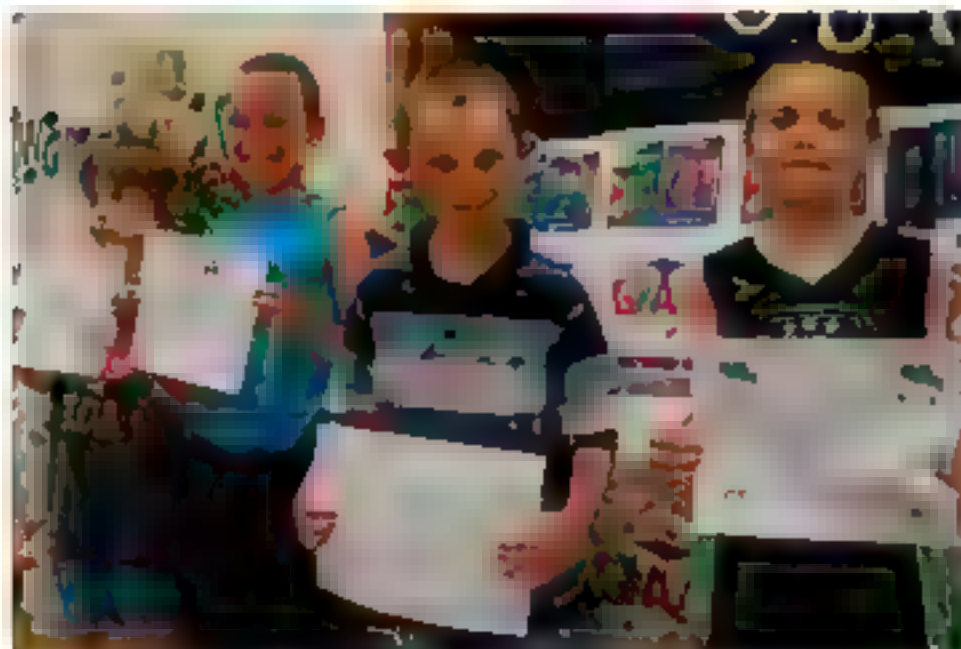


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The Wilberforce Elementary School graduation was held on June 25. Top: The Wilberforce Elementary School graduating class of 2013. Above: Class valedictorian Carmen Galea addressing her peers. Left: The Grade 8 award winners included Carmen Galea, academic award; Dylan Smith, leadership award; Sonora Plumb, citizenship award; Mark Lewis, most improved; Hunter Rogers-Millson, athletic award; Keisha-Marie Hughes, perseverance; Dylan Smith, French award; and the Principal Award for Student Leadership was awarded to Carmen Galea and Dylan Smith.

Highlander graduates

Proud kids of Cardiff



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

On June 21, Cardiff Elementary School senior kindergarten students graduated into the first grade. It was also an opportunity for the school to recognize its students for their excellence over the past year. Top right: Ms. Burk's Grade 2 award recipients were Destiny Storey, Violetta Kane, and Natasha Hewer. Right: Two junior kindergarten students perform before the ceremony begins. Above: Mrs. Wilcox's Grade 2 award recipients were Ryder Graham, A. Ervin, Park Lovell, Tristin Petipas-Edoms, and Wyatt Madsen. Middle: The Grade 3 award recipients were Nilotia Watson, Ashala Fitzgibbon, Abagale Ervin, Michael Rogers, Emma Deterfing, and Cheyenne Fitzgibbon. Top: The senior kindergarten graduating class of 2013 included Shahrinn Badger, Olivia Brown, Owen Burke, Isabelle Cox, Michael Dewitt, Trent Durdord, Malone Lovell, Edlyn Porter, Stephanie Rogers, and Hailey Winter.

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Ladies in fashion

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Summer fashions and modern styles were up for review at the Haliburton Hospital Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Show this past weekend.

On June 23, the Haliburton Legion was full of ladies looking at the season's top fashions. The clothes on display were from

Cathy Allan Ladies Wear in Lindsay.

Models, many of whom are members of the auxiliary, walked the room to showcase the styles. But the event didn't go off without its share of troubles.

"When we went to the legion on Sunday at noon hour, we weren't sure if we would have a PA system," said Joan Sonson, one of the organizers.

The person who normally would make the system available had taken ill, but they were able to find someone to come and get it for them at the last minute.

All proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction were to benefit the hospital through

the auxiliary. They raised approximately \$2,400.

Sonson said every year the auxiliary receives a wish list from the hospital. They then try to raise money and purchase as much as they can from the list. This year, they've committed to raising \$40,000.

"The things that we have chosen to do would cost around \$40,000," Sonson said.

"One item in particular is a dishwasher because the one they have is just about falling apart and they can't get parts for it anymore."

Originally the auxiliary was going to buy two dishwashers, but a community member donated the money to buy



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers
Ellenor Bagg models the latest summer fashions.

the second one for them.

Walking through the hospital, you'll find various items purchased by the auxiliary in all areas of the building.

"We buy things not just for one department," Sonson said. "It will be what acute care needs, what long term care needs, what physio magic need."

The auxiliary plans to hit their \$40,000 by June 2014.

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Highlander events

Fathead dominates the Dominion

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

A packed house, sumptuous food and foot stomping music was the order of the night at Minden's Dominion Hotel. Owner Shawn Chamberlain cradled himself by hooking the Juno Award winning group Fathead.

In existence since 1992, the group has received 15 awards and 58 nominations making it one of the country's top roots acts. Their albums have won two Juno Awards for Blues Recording of the Year.

Timothy "Timmy" Finnerlin, singer John Mays who hails from Dawson, Georgia. He started his career in the gospel tradition. Band leader Al Letman garnered several Maple Blues Award nominations for both his harp and saxophone playing, while bassist Omar Tursooch, guitar ace Teddy Leonard, and iconic drummer Bucky Berger complete the ensemble.

Mays never had the desire to stop singing or touring and at 72 years young he continues to percolate his southern flavor with rhythm and style.

"It just flows through me," he said. "Each time we perform the songs seem to gather together and come out with more of a robust quality. That's what we try to do when we perform and according to the comments we get, it works."

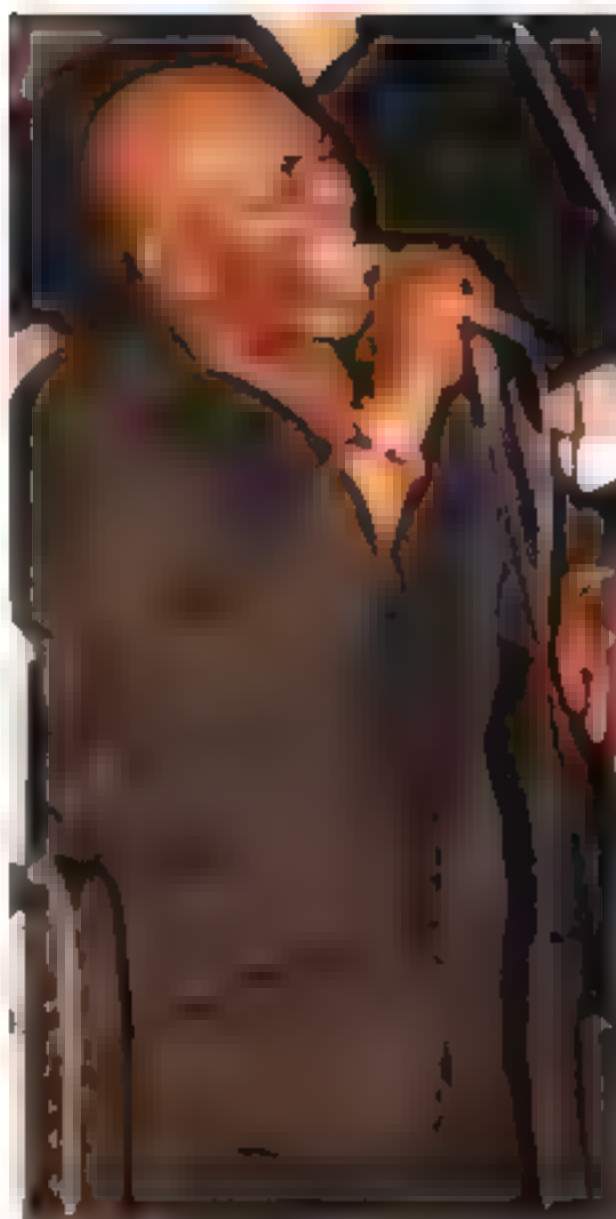


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Fathead lead singer John Mays belts out the blues.

McGrath makes it a wrap

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Haliburton County Folk Society's season came to end with Derek McGrath's last song of the evening.

The concert was held on June 21 at the Haliburton Museum.

Donna Gagnon, a member of the folk society committee, said the turnout for the show was a bit less than she would have liked.

"It was ok," she said. "I wish we had a bit more people there but as always there was too much going on that night."

Despite the attendance Gagnon said the show was excellent.

"What a great concert. Derek is a consummate performer."

The 2012-2013 series hosted rock acts as Catherine McLehlan, Bery and the Bobs, and Teresa Doyle among others.

The big hit of the season, however, was The Ooze performance on Feb. 7.

"The place was packed [for The Ooze]," Gagnon said. "It was a great night."

When putting together the annual concert series, organizers try to put together a good selection of Canadian talent, she said.

"We certainly did that. We try to mix it up. Our artistic director, Sean Pennylegion, has a lot of contacts. We start with a long list on our committee with acts we'd like to see, and we try to mix it up. Folk, but not just folk. There's a broad definition now in folk music. What we're trying to do is just bring really good Canadian acts to Haliburton County."

They also decided this year to change things up a bit.

"We did a few concerts this year in Minden instead of doing them all in Haliburton," said Gagnon. "That really helped as well. It attracts a different group of people."

Now that the 2012-2013 is over, the committee is already looking to next year's lineup.

"We're still working on it, but I can't say anything yet."

Gagnon said the acts should be scheduled within the next month and updates would be announced on the organization's website, www.haliburtonfolk.com and on Facebook.

The 2013-2014 concert series will kick off in September. In the meantime, anyone interested may still attend the Folk Society's monthly Open Stage night at the Haliburton Museum, every third Saturday of the month at 8 p.m.

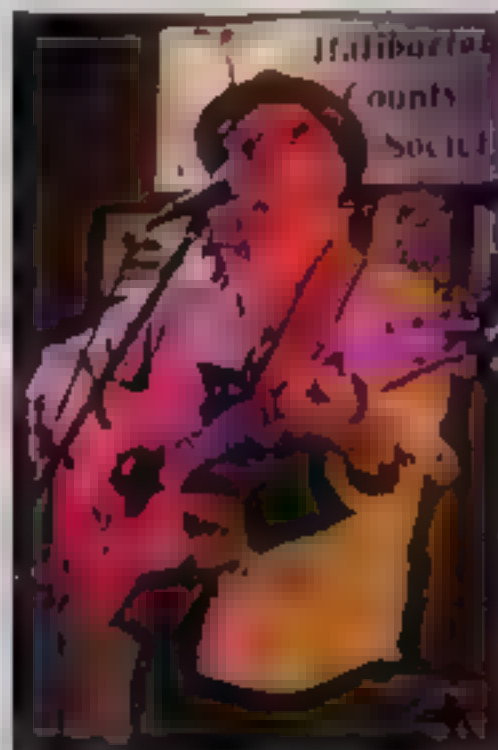


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Derek McGrath performs at the Haliburton Museum.



Art Workshops – 2013

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Cost per person – \$290 Following the completion of the third workshop session there will be an "Art Show" to enable the artists to display and / or sell their work. Art Show will be held the evening of August 16 7:00 – 9:00pm and August 17 10:00am – 5:00pm. For placement and registration for these courses as well as the course outline and required supplies.

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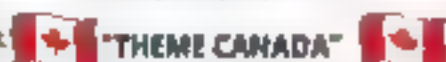
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Above: OPP Constable Paul Potter adjusting a rider's helmet. Right: Five-year-old Lexie Bunn negotiating the obstacle course.

Getting safety into children's heads

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

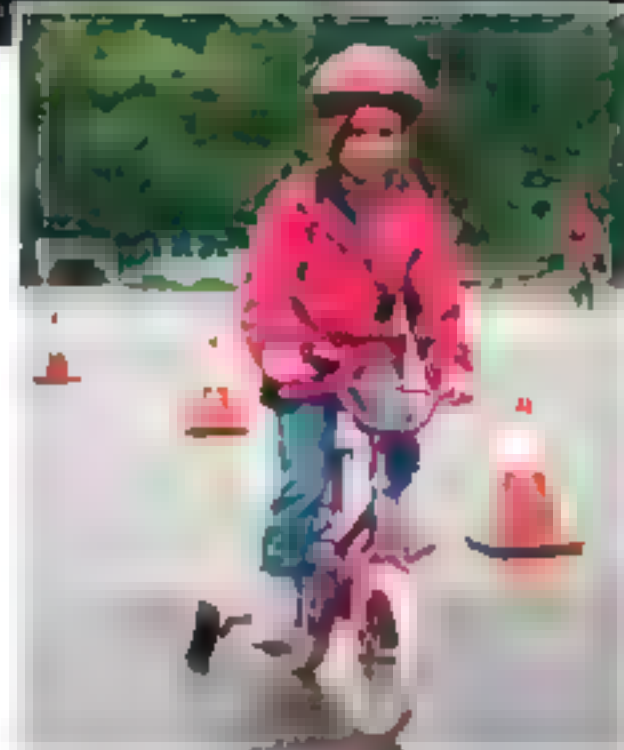
The most recent bicycle education rodeo was held at Archibald Community Centre in Wilberforce.

The June 22 event was a bicycle rodeo providing knowledge and education in bicycle skills. It is designed to give children of all ages an opportunity to practice and develop skills that will help them to become better cyclists.

"Effective bicycle skills training lays a strong foundation for knowledge about traffic safety," said Const. Paul Potter, community services officer with the OPP. "The program gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. In general, it reinforces safety training to children and youth to benefit and ensure a long-term impact."

There are three levels of cycling education for children. Level 1 is basic bicycle controls and skills. Level 2 is riding on quiet streets, bicycle maintenance and responsible riding. Level 3 is riding with traffic, advanced handling skills and sharing the road.

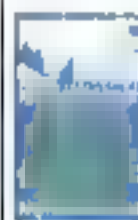
Potter acknowledged the support from several local businesses who supplied drinks and equipment for the rodeo



including Minden's Canadian Tire store and Sharpley's Sports of Haliburton who donated the bicycle helmets and lights.

That money comes from the annual 50/50 raffle held for the children.

Kids and Cops Fishing day, the OPP's next outreach event, will be held July 3 at the Head Lake docks starting at 9:30 a.m.



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OBITUARIES



Ilse Schaefer (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

In Loving Memory of Ilse Schaefer who passed away peacefully at the long term care centre of Highland Woods, her Home away from Home at the age of 96. Ilse was born in Kiel Germany, January 15th, 1917. Peter and Ilse and their two daughters Bronhild and Sigrid immigrated to Canada in 1953 and became Canadian Citizens. Ilse leaves behind her daughter and best friend Sigrid and son in law Herbert Debes, seven grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. Ilse was kind, gentle and faithful to her god Jehovah, always well respected and loved by all.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13525 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, July 4, 2013 from 2 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 3 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services or Highland Wood Residents Council would be appreciated by the family.



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SURPLUS LAND FOR SALE

As per Bylaw No. 22, Council, at its meeting held on May 22, 2013 declared the following parcels of land as plus to the needs of the Municipality:

- Roll No. 013-000-04817 Pt 12 S1, Coss 18, Lot 17, Plan 407, Township of Dysart, (Hawthorn Road, County Road 10)
- Roll No. 013-000-04818 Pt 12 S1, Coss 18, Lot 18, Plan 407, Township of Dysart, (Hawthorn Road, County Road 10)
- Roll No. 013-000-04819 Pt 12 S1, Coss 18, Lot 19, Plan 407, Township of Dysart, (Hawthorn Road, County Road 10)
- Roll No. 013-000-04820 Pt 12 S1, Coss 18, Lot 20, Plan 407, Township of Dysart, (Hawthorn Road, County Road 10)
- Roll No. 013-000-04821 Pt 12 S1, Coss 18, Lot 21, Plan 407, Township of Dysart, (Hawthorn Road, County Road 10)
- Roll No. 013-000-04822 Pt 12 S1, Coss 18, Lot 22, Plan 407, Township of Dysart, (Hawthorn Road, County Road 10)

For further information regarding these lots, please visit www.dysartmunicipality.ca where you will find a page for Comments, Proposals and Employment Opportunities under the Surplus Land on the menu bar. To make an enquiry or an offer on any of the subject properties, please contact Cheryl Davidson, Clerk at 705-457-1470 or via email at cheryl.davidson@dysartmunicipality.ca for further details.

SEEKING MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS

Both the Haliburton Highlands Museum Board and the Environment and Green Energy Committee are seeking public appointments due to recent resignations. If you are a resident of Dysart et al and are available to participate in regular meetings and special events, please submit an expression of interest outlining the skills and experience that you can bring to either of these unique groups.

Expressions of interest will be received by email at: community@haliburtonhighlands.ca no later than July 18, 2013. All Dysart et al meetings are held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 135 Maple Avenue in Haliburton and require using an online document viewer. Please log in to www.haliburtonhighlands.ca to access background information, including financial agenda packages, relevant to these Committees or visit www.dysartmunicipality.ca for general information regarding committees being undertaken by these groups.

OBITUARIES



Verna Evelyn Draper (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

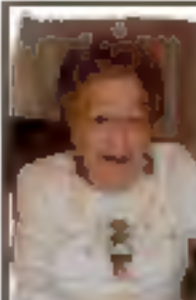
Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday afternoon, June 20, 2013 at her 92nd year. Beloved wife of Grenville Draper. Loving mother of Maude (Douglas Eddard) of Woodville, Ontario of Haliburton. Albert (Gus) of Alton Gray. Nelda (Andrew Sharpless) of King City and Ron (Karen) of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Andrew, Michael, David, Jacob, Scott, Amanda, Justin, Ryan, Christopher and by her great grandchildren Chelsea, Deanna, Erik, Ian, Foster, Emily, Owen, Anderson, Rhymerman and Clifton. Predeceased by her sister Paul, Alva, Alva and by her brothers Roy and Murray. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Verna was an active participant with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #23 and the Ladies Auxiliary Branch #129 and enjoyed her knitting, gardening and especially her family.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13525 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday morning, June 24, 2013 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Private interment took place at the Highland Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund would be appreciated by the family.



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Lillian Haight

(Resident of Haliburton & Haliburton Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully with her family by her side at Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, June 24, 2013 at her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Ray Haight (1974). Loving mother of the late Marilyn Neatney (1986). Dear sister of Dennis Bann (Shirley) of Kenna. Predeceased by her brothers Edward and John and her sister Ada McDowell. Lovingly remembered by her brother-in-law Alex McDowell of Toronto, Reg Hainley of Haliburton, many nieces, nephews, and her many good friends. Lil retired to Haliburton in 1975 and was a dedicated resident and volunteer in the Haliburton Community.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

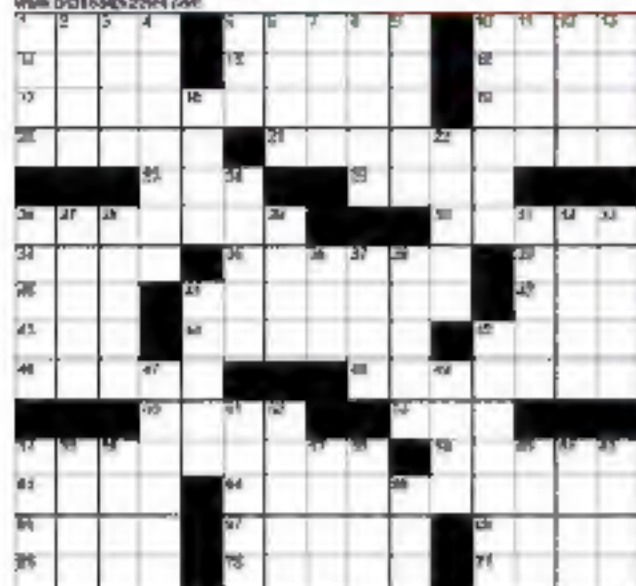
Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME on Saturday July 13, 2013 from 10 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or SRCH Community Hospice would be appreciated by the family.



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5. Splash
10. Besides
16. Wooded valley
15. Musical speed
16. Midway
17. Group of representatives
19. Comfort
20. Garden pool
21. Gaily ornaments
23. Toothpaste form
25. Outfit's waterfront
26. Randomized incans
30. Horse's gait
34. Soil
35. Snuggle
39. Forget-me-_____
40. Expert
41. Loner fripe
42. Pig's dig
43. Writing instrument
44. Marked down in price (2 wds.)
45. Close securely
46. Vocation
48. Give a right to
50. Historic street
53. Earth's skin
54. "The Sound of Silence" songwriter (2 wds.)
56. Lightweight wood
63. Mythical giant
64. Can
66. I mark sense
67. Peruvian animal
68. Enjoy a book
69. Soothe
70. Actress _____ Backs
71. Inquires

DOWN

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2. Has _____
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4. _____ of hand (magic trick)
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6. Rents
7. Skip
8. Fern "seed"
9. Respect
10. Deer's horn
11. Traditional knowledge
12. Tux
13. Washington bills
18. Mentiment
22. Liquid measure
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26. Conform
27. Hindler
28. Sports stadium
29. Under condition
31. Beginning
32. Sum
33. Current fashion
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37. Yarn
38. Property claim
41. Active ones
45. Singer Frank _____
47. Remove
48. Brass instrument
51. Theater walkway
52. Aroma
54. Tiny opening
55. Water (Sp.)
56. Cotton waists
57. Milky gem
58. Title
60. Committe perjury
61. Saturate
62. Connecting words
65. Jogged

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JUNE & JULY 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		Wilberforce Library Launchers - Eclectic Market in Wilberforce, 6-3 p.m. New and lightly used treasures to help raise funds to furnish the new library in Wilberforce.	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Canada Day Celebration hosted by Algonquin Gateway Business Association - Grenville Martin Memorial park in Harcourt, starting at 7 p.m. Canada Day Celebration - Haliburton Highlands Museum, 11-4 p.m.	Minden & District Horticultural Society - Minden Community Centre, 7 p.m.	Open house for Taoist Tai Chi evening classes in Haliburton - Haliburton United Church, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Zumba and yoga in the Park - Dysart Branch of Haliburton County Library, 7:30-8:30 a.m., by donation to Friends of Haliburton County Public Library (every Wednesday morning until July 31)	A new issue of The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at over 80 locations!
JULY 1	2	3	4
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
Cance FM's 5th annual Radiothon starts today! Help us celebrate 10 years! Introduction to meditation and chair yoga - Board room at the Dysart Branch of Haliburton County Library, 12:10-12:50 p.m. (every Friday until August 2)	Mishnabi Area Community Association annual meeting - Airport strip on Trapper's Trail (across from the boat launch), 11 a.m. Bring your chair and sun umbrella. Hot dog & hamburger BBQ. Moore Lake Property Owners' Association annual meeting - Noble Motel (Hwy 35, Moore Falls), 9:30 a.m. Boyers Lake Ratepayers Association annual meeting - Fish Hatchery (6712 Gelet Rd.), 10 a.m.		
5	6	7	
WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?			
Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) Big Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30 p.m. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. 25th anniversary celebration party, August 17th Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon - 2 p.m.	Cribbage, Saturday, 1-3 p.m. Big Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Ladies Darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Radio Club, Friday, 10 a.m. Fish & Chips, Friday from 5-7 p.m. Darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Open Saturday & Sunday from 12-5 p.m.	Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. L.A. garage sale, Saturday, 10 a.m. Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Pancake and sausage breakfast, Sunday, 8-11 a.m. Horseshoe tournament, Sunday. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Big Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	

Send your community event to
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Fun Fact:

A shark can detect one part of blood in 100 million parts of water.

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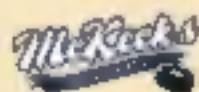
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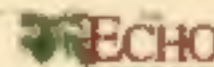
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